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Nanotechnology for medical applications: benefits, concerns and effects on the immune system

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 - Benefits of nanotechnology
 - Toxicity concerns
- Nanomaterials and the Immune System

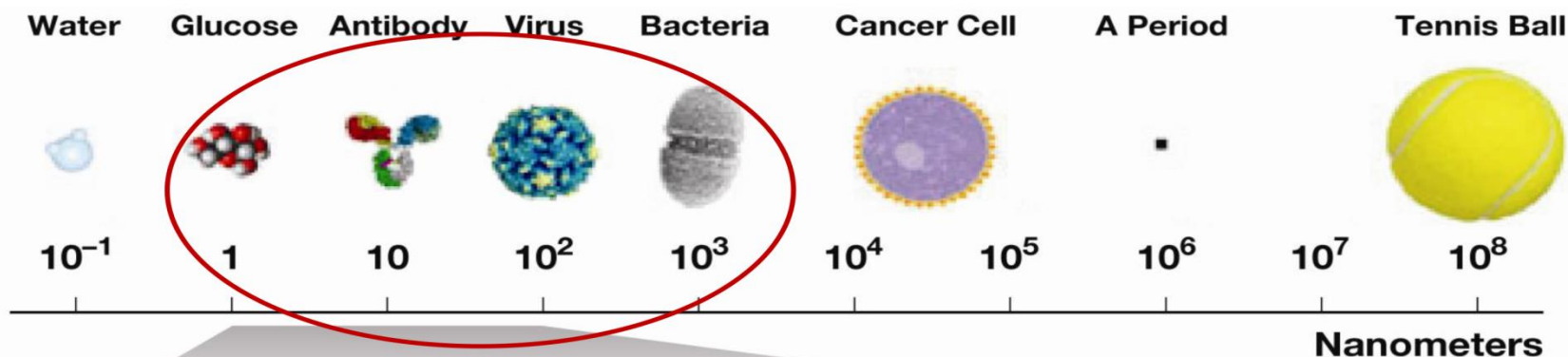
What is nano?

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Nanotechnology:

“Research and technology development at the atomic, molecular or macromolecular scale leading to the controlled creation and use of structures, devices and systems with a length scale of approximately **1 – 100 nanometers** (nm).” (Source: National Nanotech Initiative)

“Whether a material or end product is engineered to exhibit properties or phenomena, including physical or chemical properties or biological effects, that are attributable to its dimension(s), even if these dimensions fall outside the nanoscale range, **up to one micrometer (1,000 nm)**”(US FDA)

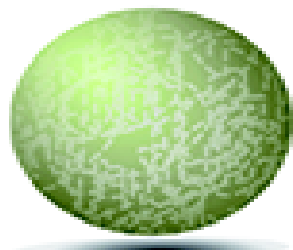


Examples of nanomaterials

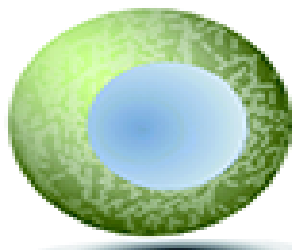
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Organic nanoparticles

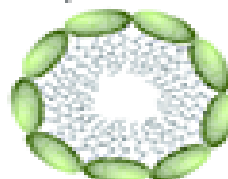
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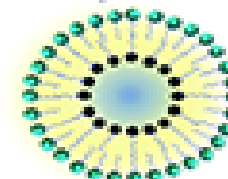
Polymeric nanocapsule



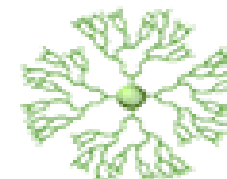
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Liposome



Dendrimer

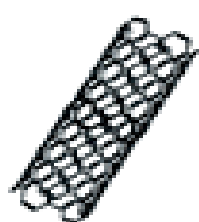


Inorganic nanoparticles

Mesoporous silica nanoparticle



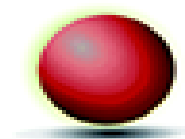
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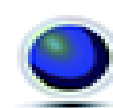
Iron oxide nanoparticle



Gold nanoparticle



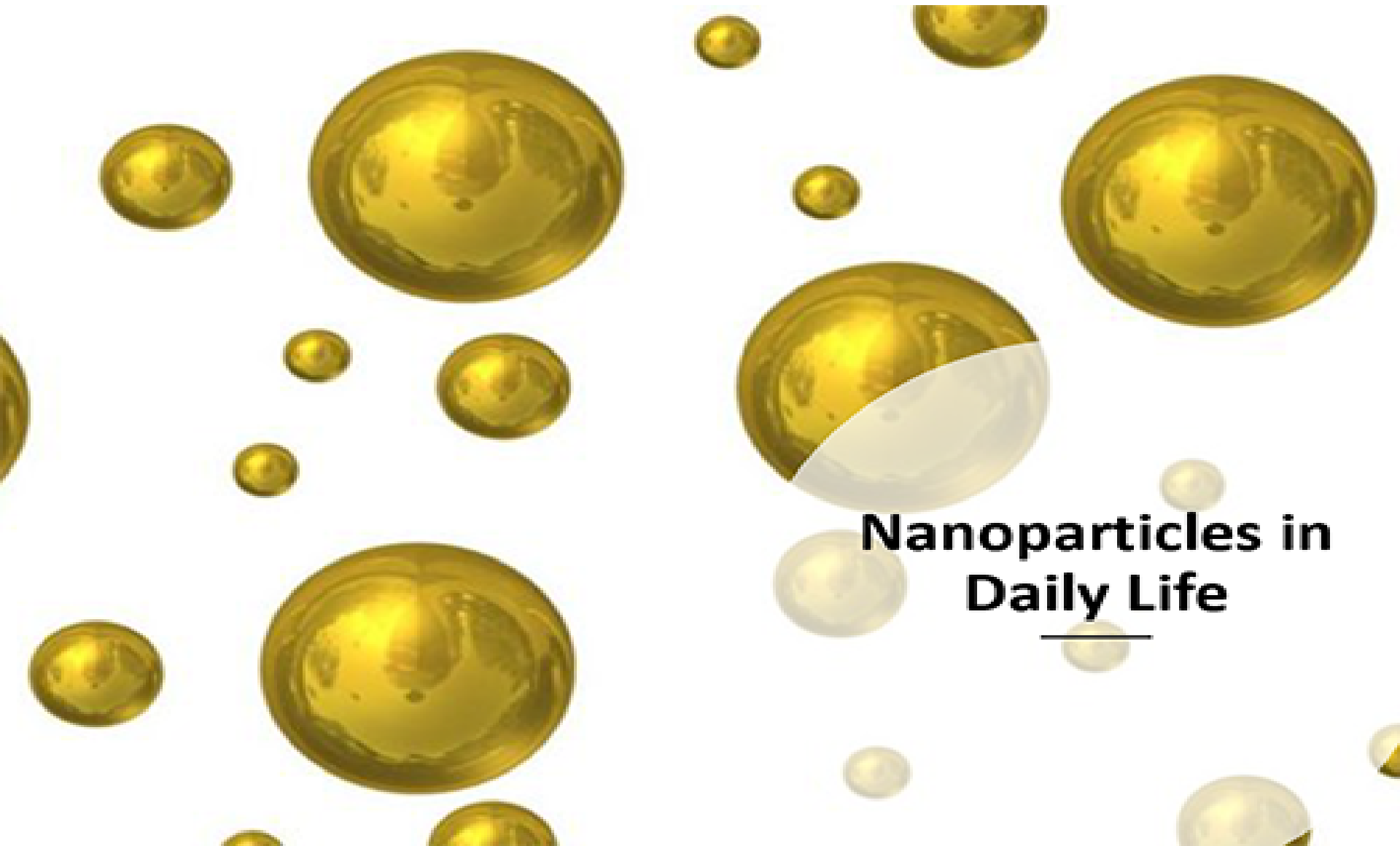
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Nanoparticles in daily life



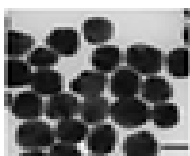
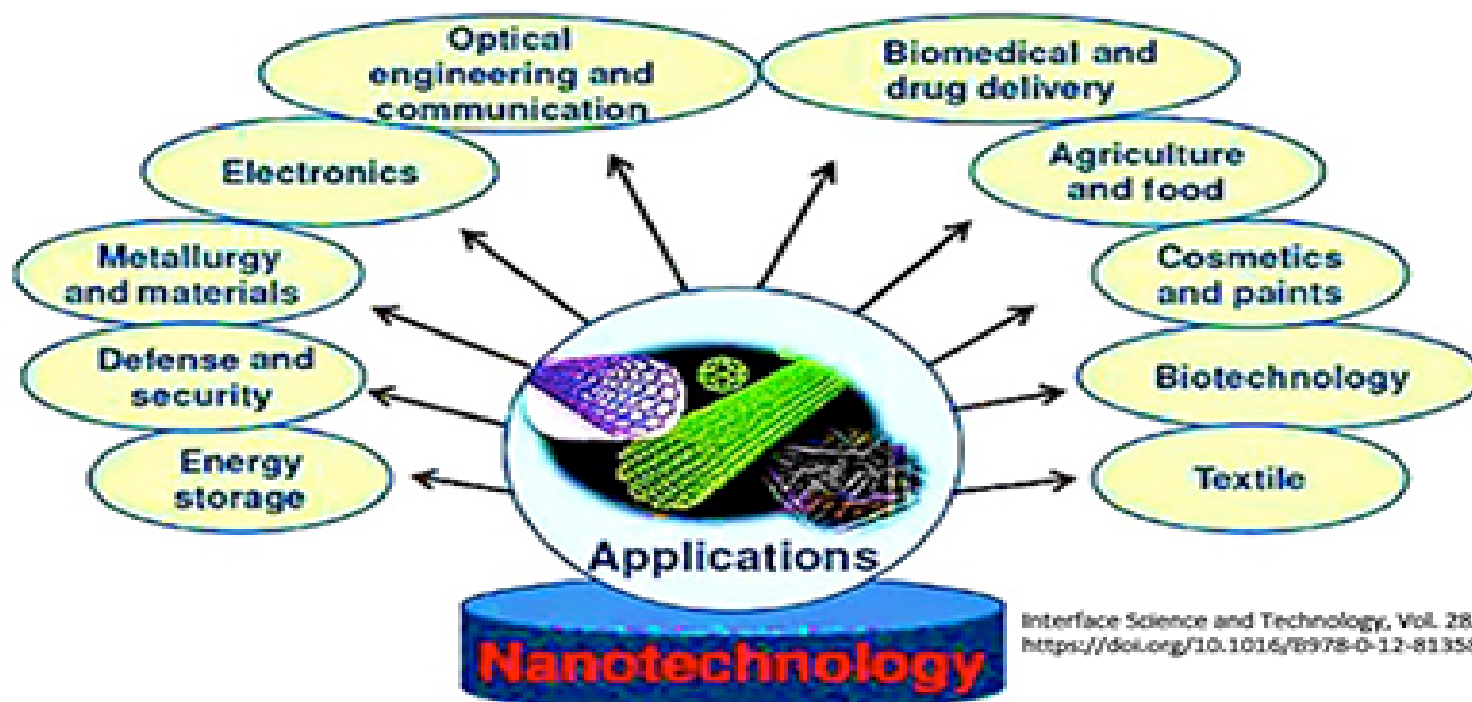
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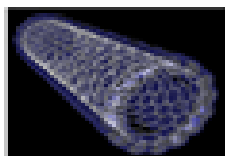
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Nanoparticles

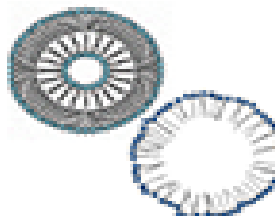
Nanoparticles in Daily Life



Silver nanoparticles are used as anti-microbial materials



Carbon nanotubes are used as structural materials



Liposomes and emulsions are commonly used in cosmetics



Sunscreens contain nanoscale TiO_2 or ZnO_2

Products

Examples of products containing nanomaterials

		
<p>Chantecaille Nano Gold Energizing Cream</p>	<p>Trucare Nano Silver Toothpaste Anti Bacterial, Fights Ulcers Canker Sore</p>	<p>Melaklear Nano Alpha Arbutin Anti Melasma Spots SPF20 Skin Lightening Cream</p>
		
<p>Research In Beauty Nano-Complex Keratin Gold Shampoo</p>	<p>Acz Nano Zeolite Extra Strength-Detoxification Supplement</p>	<p>Cyclic Nano Silver Cleanser Soap</p>

Products

Examples of products containing nanomaterials



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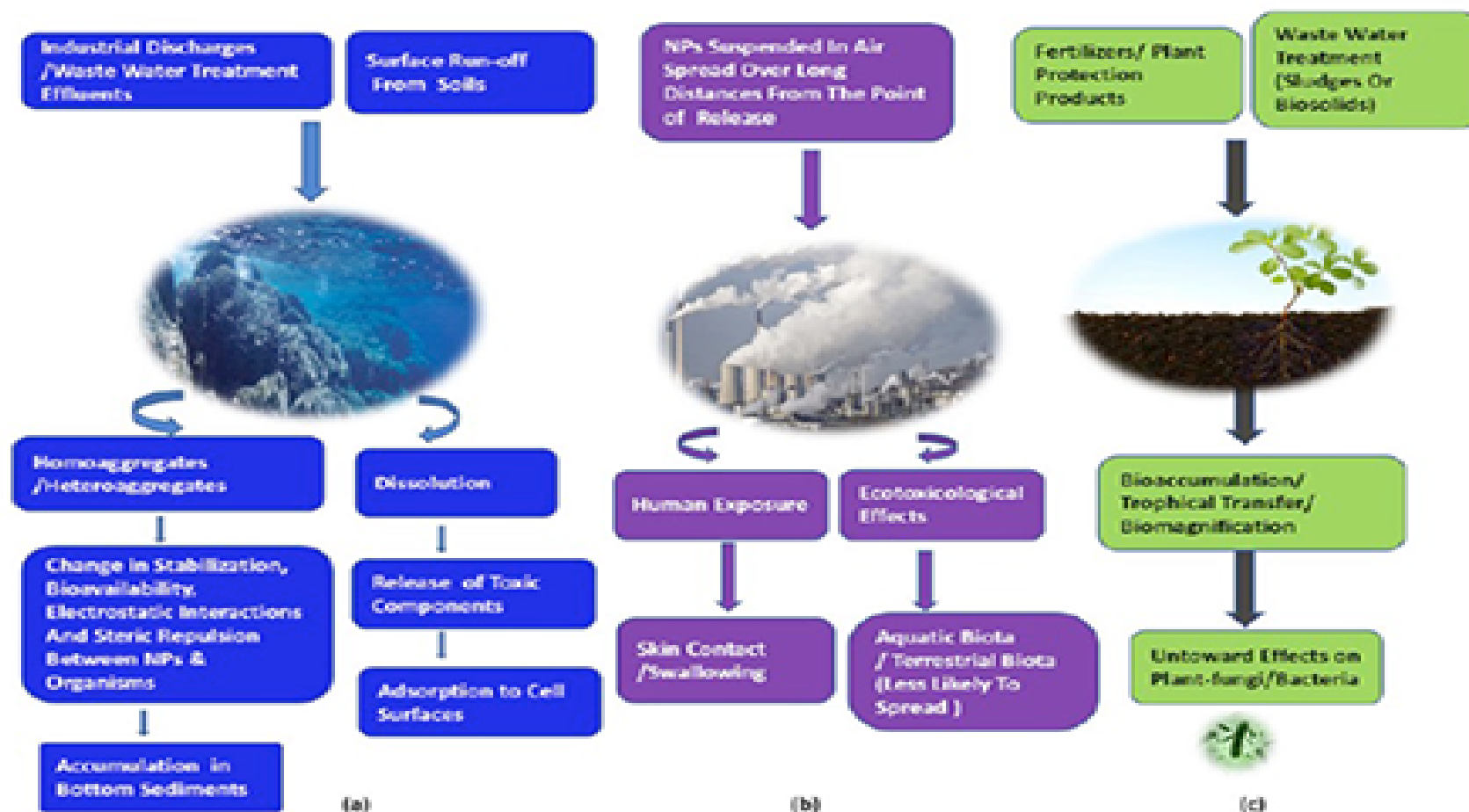
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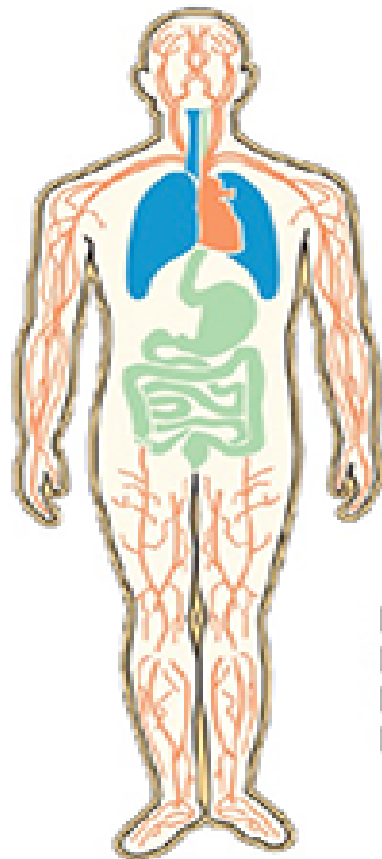
Industrial and Environmental nanomaterials



Source: Gupta&Ge, *Journal of Environmental Pathology, Toxicology and Oncology*, 37(3):209–230 (2018)

Nanoparticle exposure

Potential Routes of Nanoparticle Exposure



- Ingestion
- Inhalation
- Dermal
- Parenteral

TABLE 1: Mechanisms of engineered nanoparticle toxicity

	Mechanisms of toxicity	Reference number
Cellular uptake	Direct intracellular entry	119
	Cell membrane binding	120
	Uptake through reticuloendothelial system	121
Catalytic activity	Release of more reactive ionic forms from nanoparticle surface	60
	ROS generation, oxidative stress	24, 122
	Lipid peroxidation	32, 34
	Protein denaturation	123
	Inflammation	35, 124
	Endothelial dysfunction	125
	Mitochondrial perturbation	126
Genotoxicity	DNA damage, mutations	33, 48, 127
Cellular dysfunction	Phagocytic function impairment	128
	Altered cell cycle regulation	36

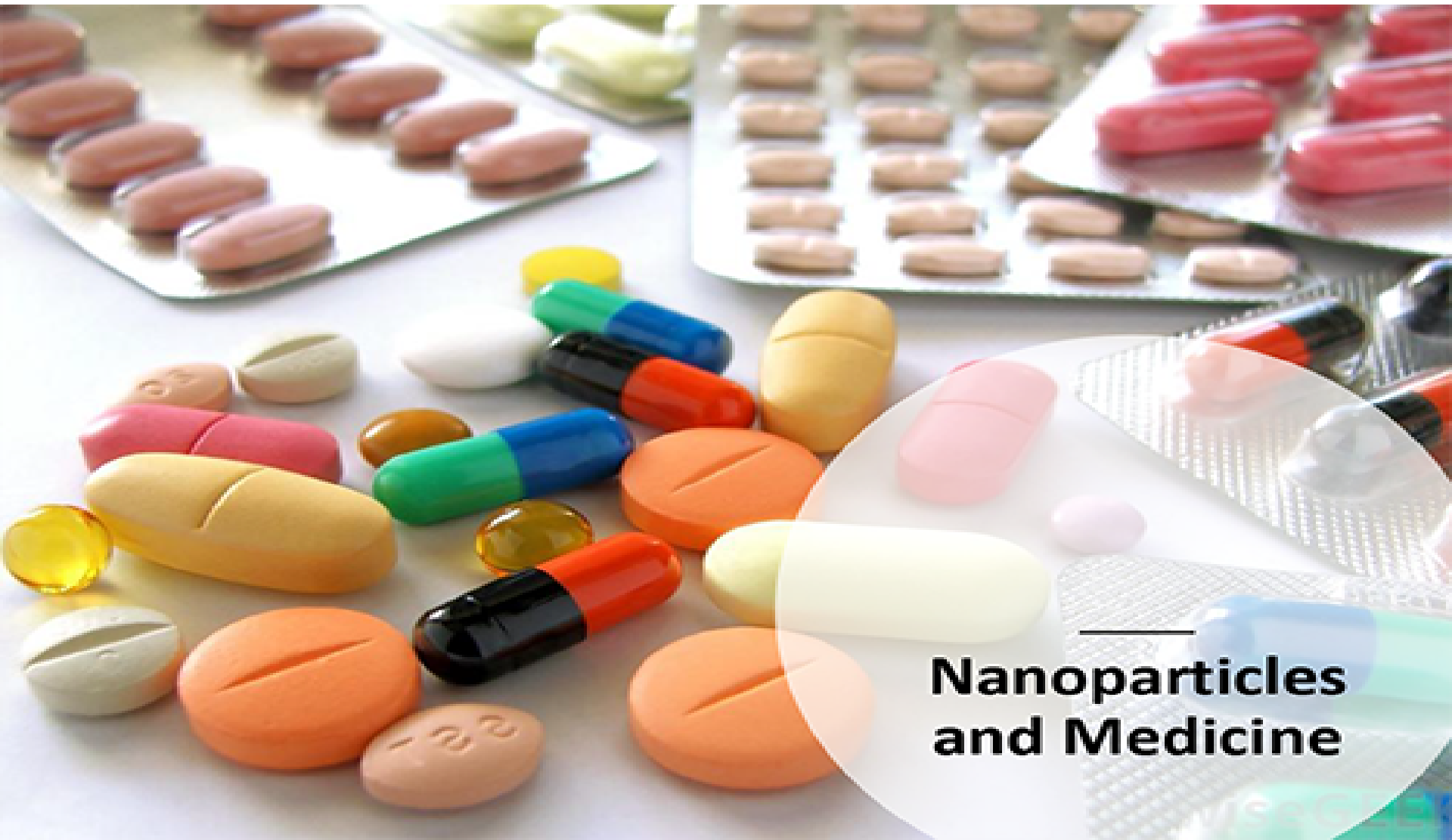
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- Exposure to industrial and environmental nanomaterials may impact human health
- Many reports in the current literature about mechanisms of nanoparticle toxicity

Nanoparticles for medicine



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**Nanoparticles
and Medicine**

Medical applications

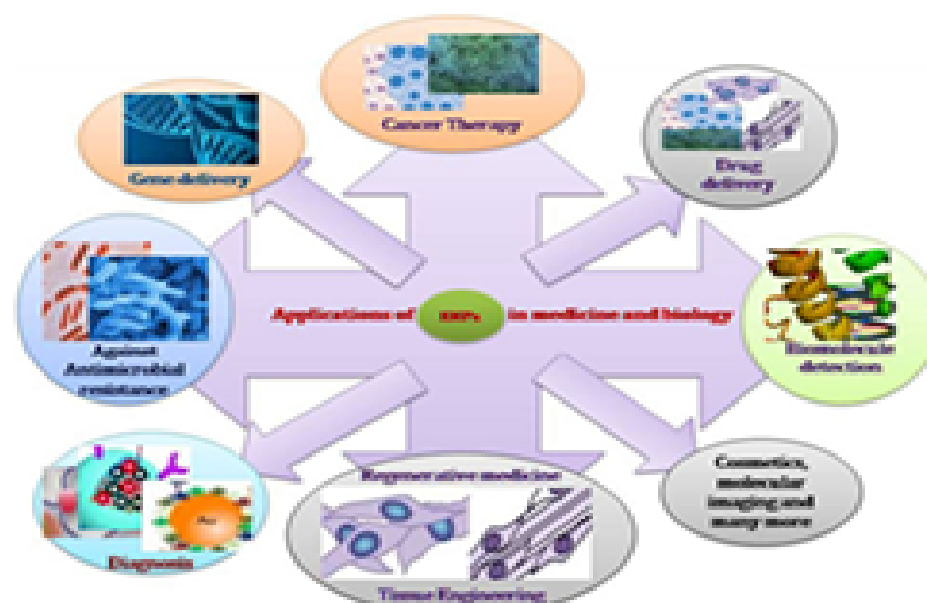
Nanoparticles for Medical Applications

Properties attractive for medical applications

- Improve solubility of hydrophobic drugs
- Multifunctional capability
- Target tissues and cells affected by disease

Applications

- Gene therapy
- Drug delivery
- Immunotherapy
- Tissue engineering
- Diagnostics
- Devices
- Image-guided surgery
- Imaging agents



Evolving landscapes



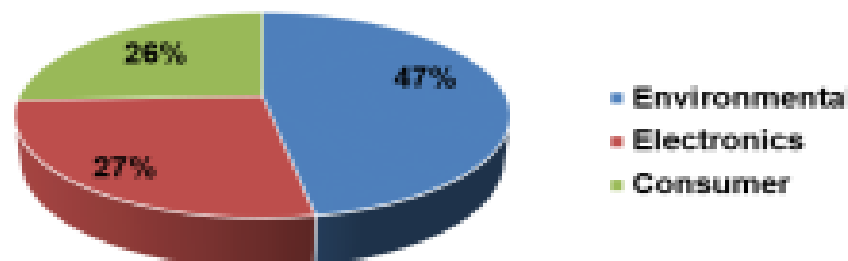
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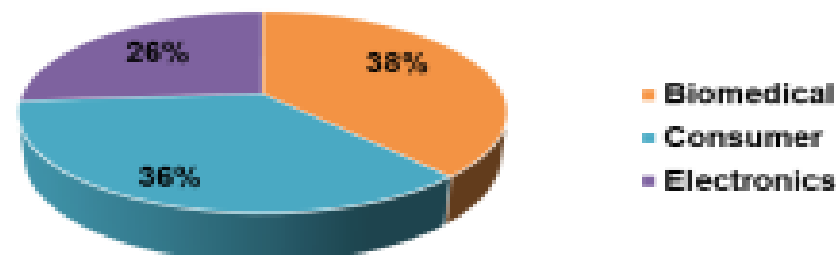
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Evolving Landscape of Nanotechnology Products

Global Nanotechnology Market (2015)



CAGR rates (2016-2021)



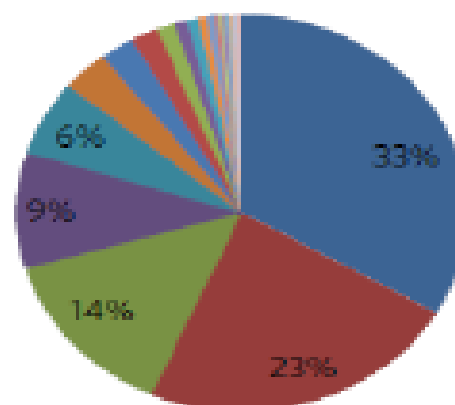
These graphs are prepared based on the business analytical report by Consulting 1, BCC Research (2015)

Global Nanotechnology Market in 2015 was dominated by environmental, electronic and consumer products

Biomedical Applications of Nanotechnology are predicted to have the highest 5-year compound annual growth rate by 2021

- Liposome
- Nanocrystal
- Emulsion
- Iron-polymer complex
- Micelle
- Drug-protein complex
- Drug-polymer complex
- Dendrimer
- Polymeric NP
- Nanobubble
- Silica NP
- Drug-lipid complex
- Drug-metal complex
- Protein NP
- Drug NP
- Solid lipid NP
- Nanotube
- Metal-protein complex
- Metal-nonmetal complex
- Metal-polymer complex

(1973-2015)

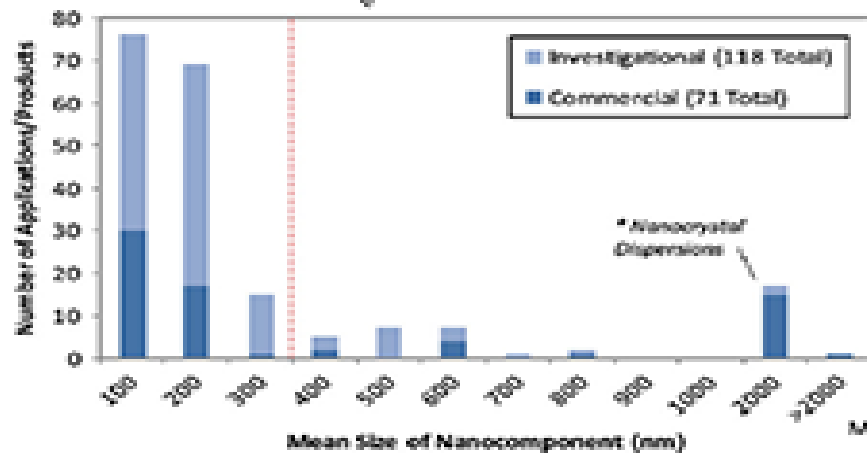
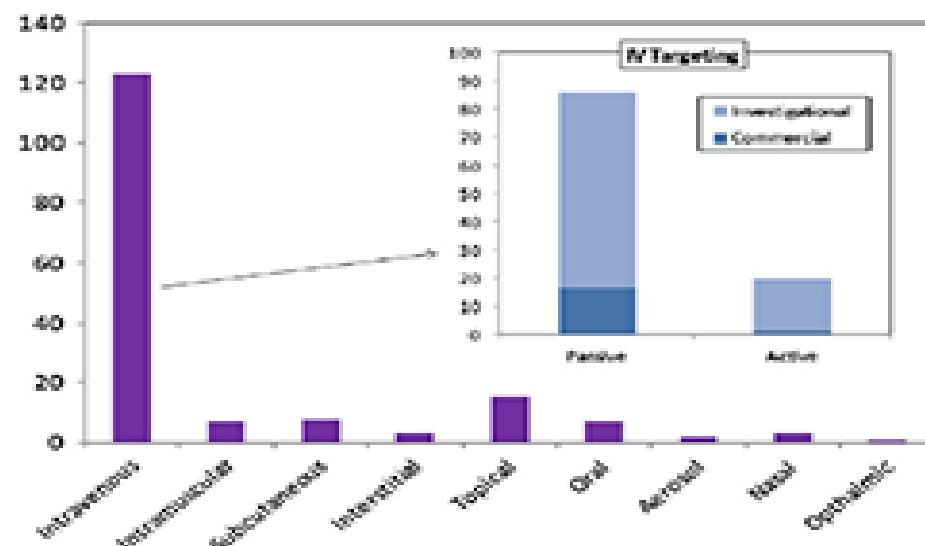
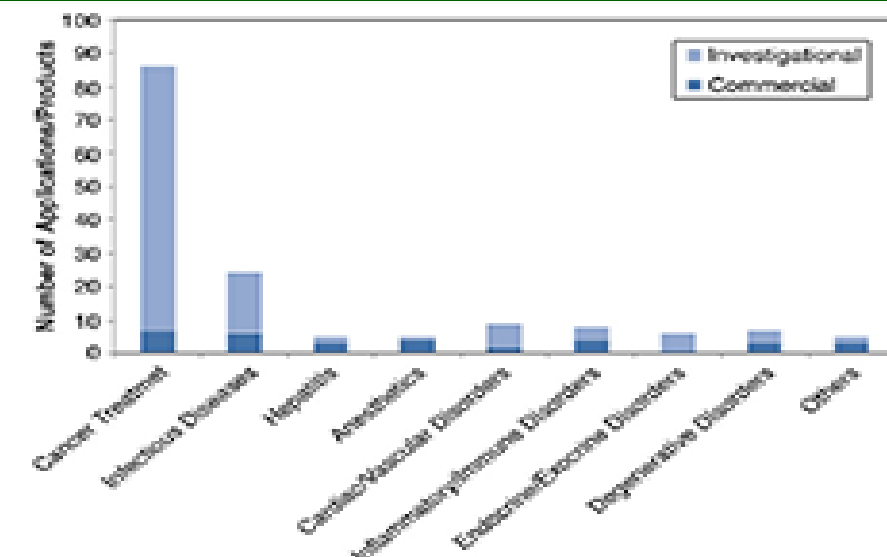


Liposomes, Nanocrystals and Emulsions dominate current nanomedicine landscape

O'Hellu S.R. et al, Nature Nanotechnology, June 2017

Medical applications

Nanoparticles in Medical Applications



Common features of Nanomedicines:

- Primary market is cancer therapy
- Intravenous administration
- <350 nm in size
- Neutral, hydrophilic surfaces
- Spherical

Clinical grade products

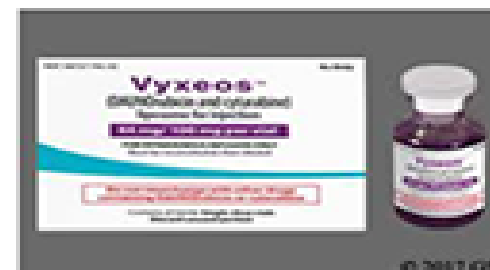
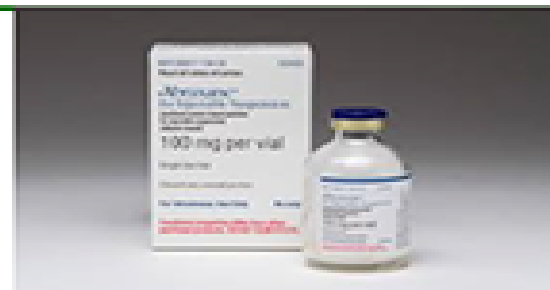


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Examples of Clinical Grade Nanotechnology Products



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Nanoproducs

Examples of Clinical Grade NanoProducts



Immunotherapy



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Benefits: Immunotherapy



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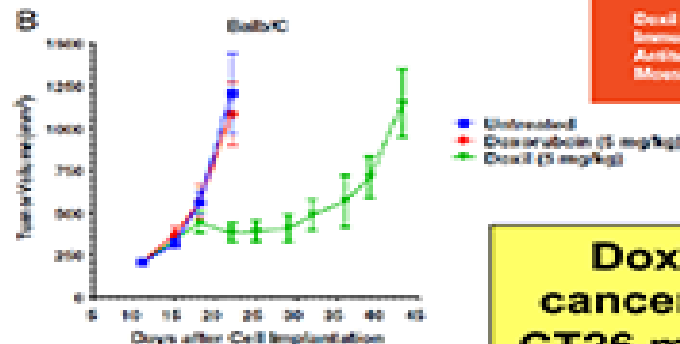
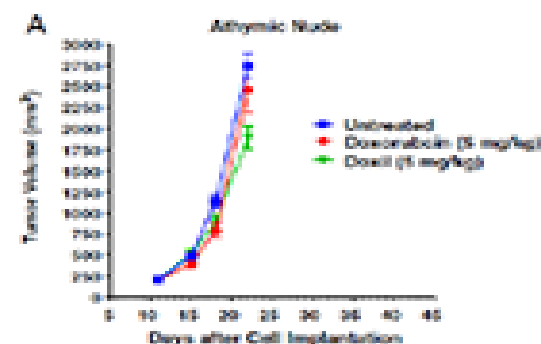
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**Doxil Synergizes with Cancer
Immunotherapies to Enhance
Antitumor Responses in Syngeneic
Mouse Models**

Jessica M. Davis, Nicholas P. Pavlakis,
Linda Wilson, Raymond Mathews, Jon Chinnaiyath,
Nicholas K. Kimmelman, Qing Zhou, Cheng-Cheng Chen
and Robert M. Waymouth

Washington, California, USA



**Doxil improves efficacy of
cancer immunotherapeutics in
CT26 mouse model of colorectal
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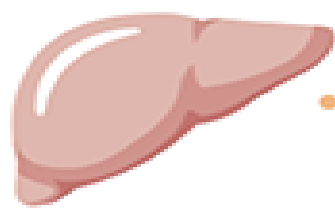
The Immunotherapy Opdivo & Abraxane for Recurrent HER2-Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer

A Phase 1, Open-Label, Multicenter, Safety Study of Nivolumab (BMS-936558) in Combination With Nab-Paclitaxel Plus or Minus Gemcitabine in Pancreatic Cancer, Nab-Paclitaxel / Carboplatin in Stage IIIB/IV Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer or Nab-Paclitaxel in Recurrent Metastatic Breast Cancer (NCT02309177)

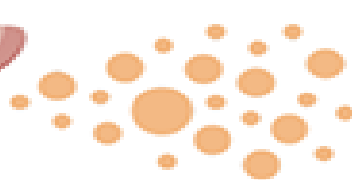
**Abraxane is investigated in
combination with a-PD-1 in
clinical trials for metastatic
breast cancer**

Benefits: Gene therapy

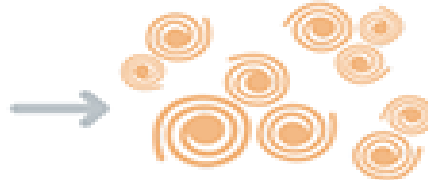
Benefits: Gene therapy



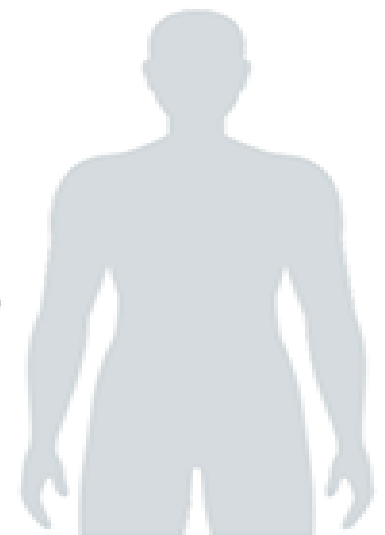
Liver



TTR protein



Amyloid deposits



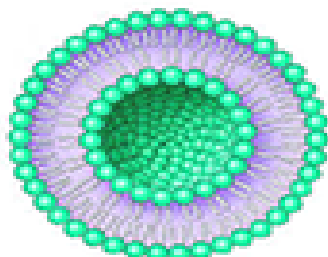
Transthyretin (TTR) is a protein primarily made in the liver

A genetic mutation in the TTR gene causes the TTR protein to form clusters known as amyloid deposits

Amyloid deposits build up in different parts of the body, leading to symptoms of hATTR amyloidosis

Benefits: Vaccines


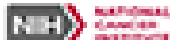
Benefits: Vaccines



PDS0101/Versamune®

Mechanism of Action:

- Activates Both CD4+ and CD8+ T-cells
- Stimulates Type I interferon response
- Alters tumor micro-environment

Product	Indication	Partner	Combination	Status
PDS0101 (HPV-Cancer)	Head & neck cancer First line treatment Recurrent/metastatic	 MERCK	KEYTRUDA®	Initiate Phase 2 1Q 2020*
	Advanced HPV cancers	 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH	Novel Immunotherapies	Initiate Phase 2 1Q 2020*
	Cervical cancer Stage IIB-IVA		Chemo- radiotherapy	Phase 2 ready

- Nanoparticles (lipoplexes, polyplexes, liposomes) were shown to improve vaccine efficacy
 - One example of such platforms is shown on this slide
 - Versamune platform is being explored for combination therapies

Benefits: Lymphatic delivery

Benefits: lymphatic delivery



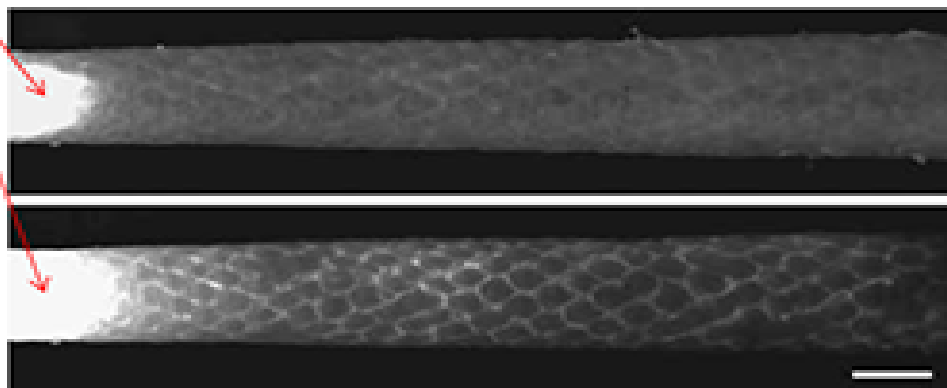
- i.d. injection
- Examine draining lymph nodes

Injection Site

Tail

100nm

25nm

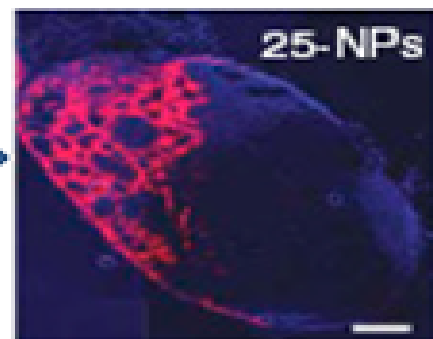


Draining lymph nodes

100-NPs



25-NPs



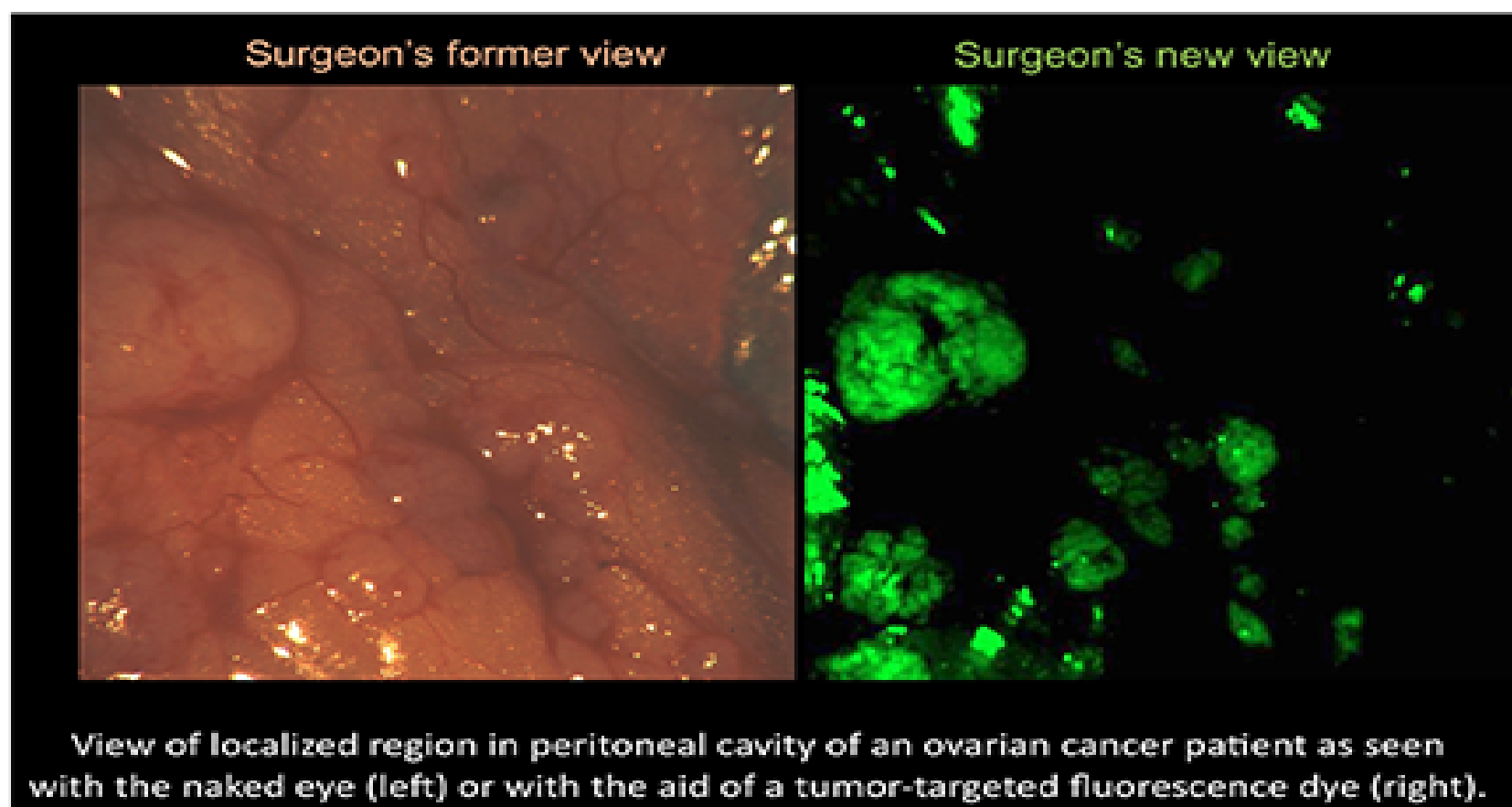
Smaller particles travel through lymphatics. Larger particles do not.

Reddy ST et al, and Hubbell JA. (2007) Nature Biotech., 25 (10):1159-1164

- Particle distribution to lymph nodes after i.d. injection depends on their size
- Lymphatic delivery benefits vaccines, HIV and infectious diseases therapy

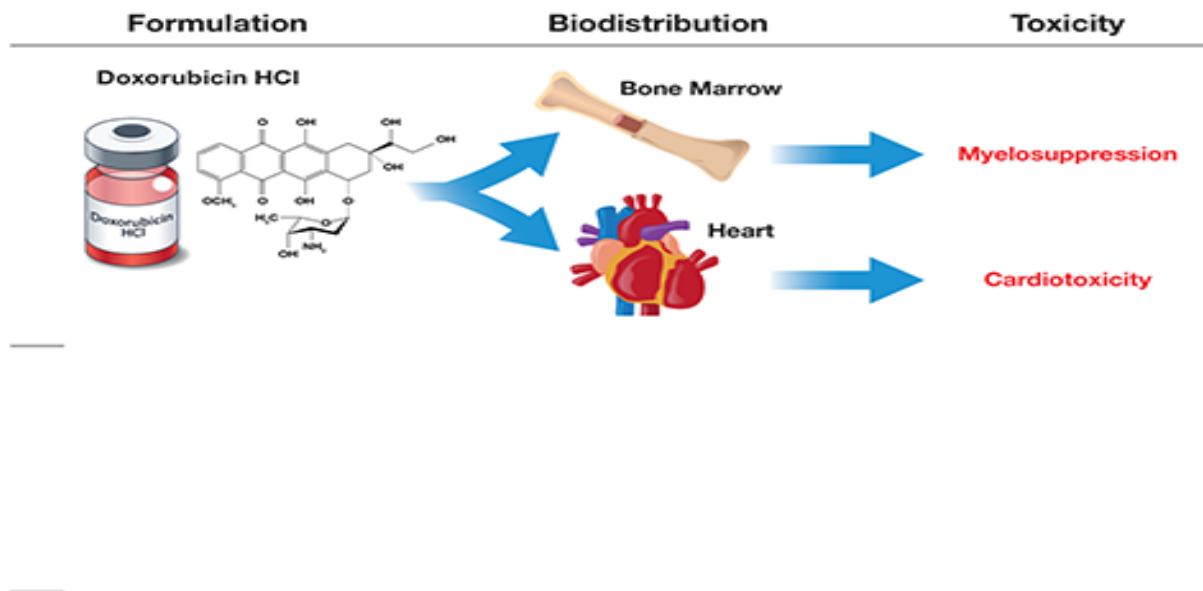
Benefits: Image guided surgery

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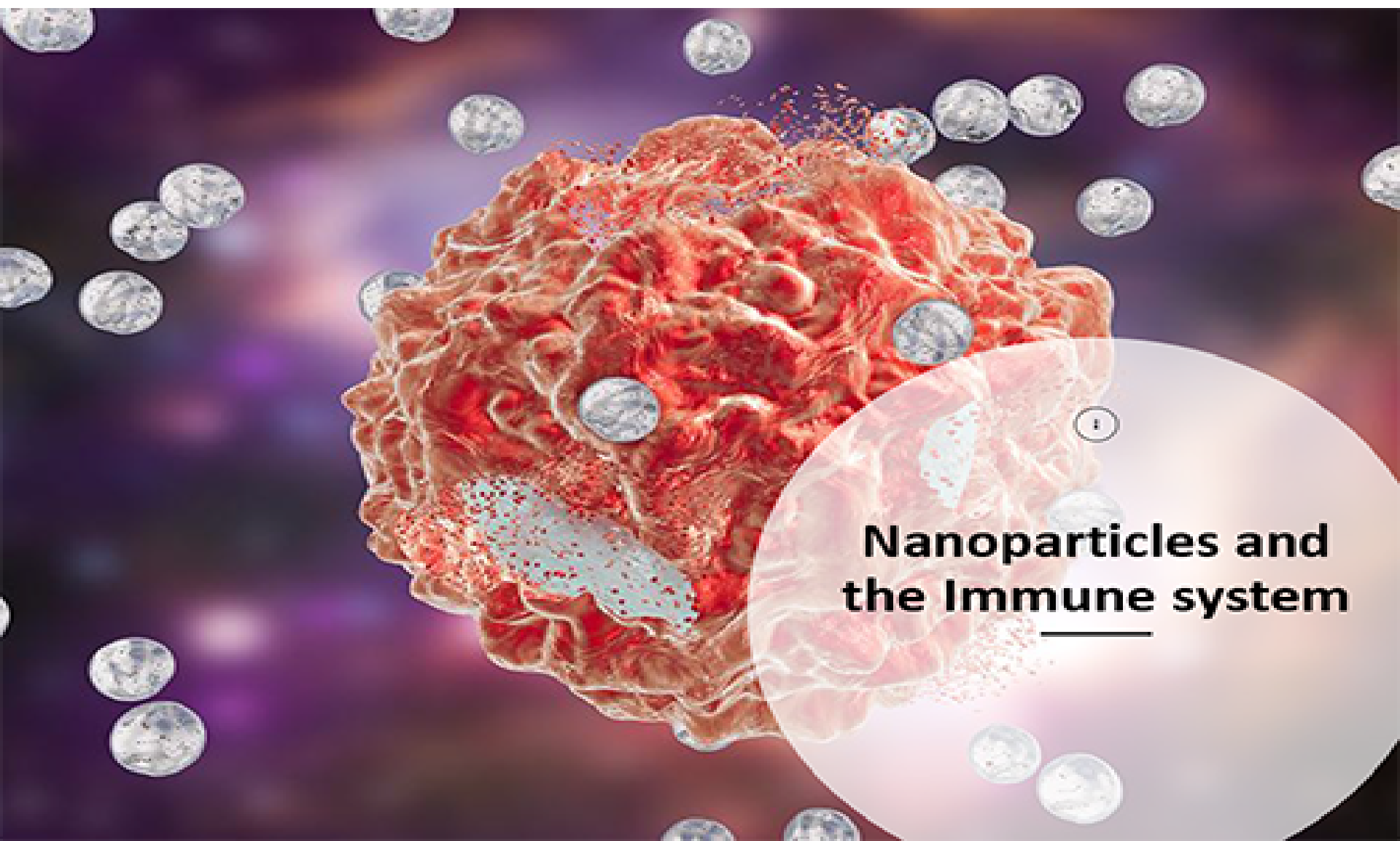
Toxicity

Concerns: Toxicity



- Both nanocarrier and API can be toxic
- API toxicity can “relocate” depending on the particle biodistribution

Nanoparticles



**Nanoparticles and
the Immune system**

Terminology

Some terminology

- *The innate immune system recognizes microbial products that are often essential for survival of the microbes (PAMPs)*
- *The innate immune system also recognizes endogenous molecules that are produced by or released from damaged and dying cells. These substances are called damage-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs)*
- *The innate immune system uses several types of cellular receptors, present in different locations in cells, and soluble molecules in the blood and mucosal secretions, to recognize PAMPs and DAMPs*



Clear and present danger? Engineered nanoparticles and the immune system

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Annual Review of Pathology: Mechanisms of Disease DAMPs, PAMPs, and LAMPs in Immunity and Sterile Inflammation

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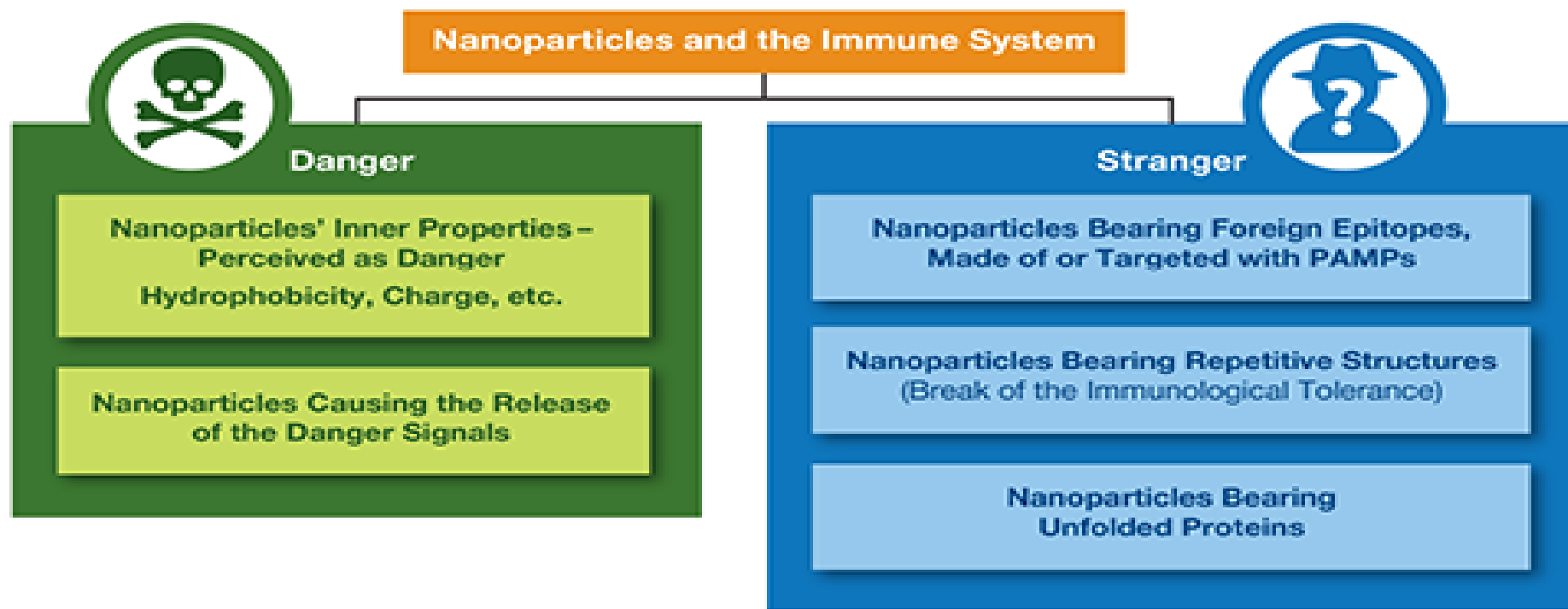
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NAMPs= Nanoparticle Associated Molecular Pattern

LAMPs= Life-style Associated Molecular Pattern

Immune system

Nanoparticles and the immune system



Particle size

Particle size influences protein binding

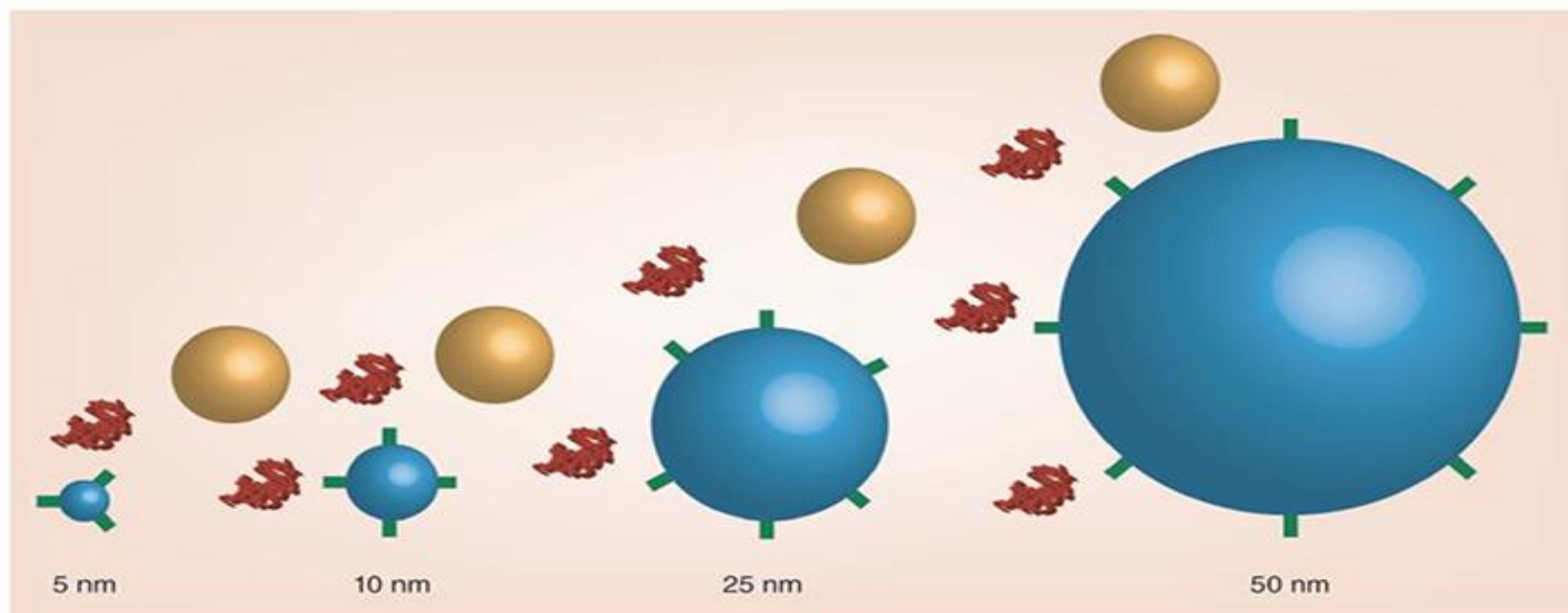
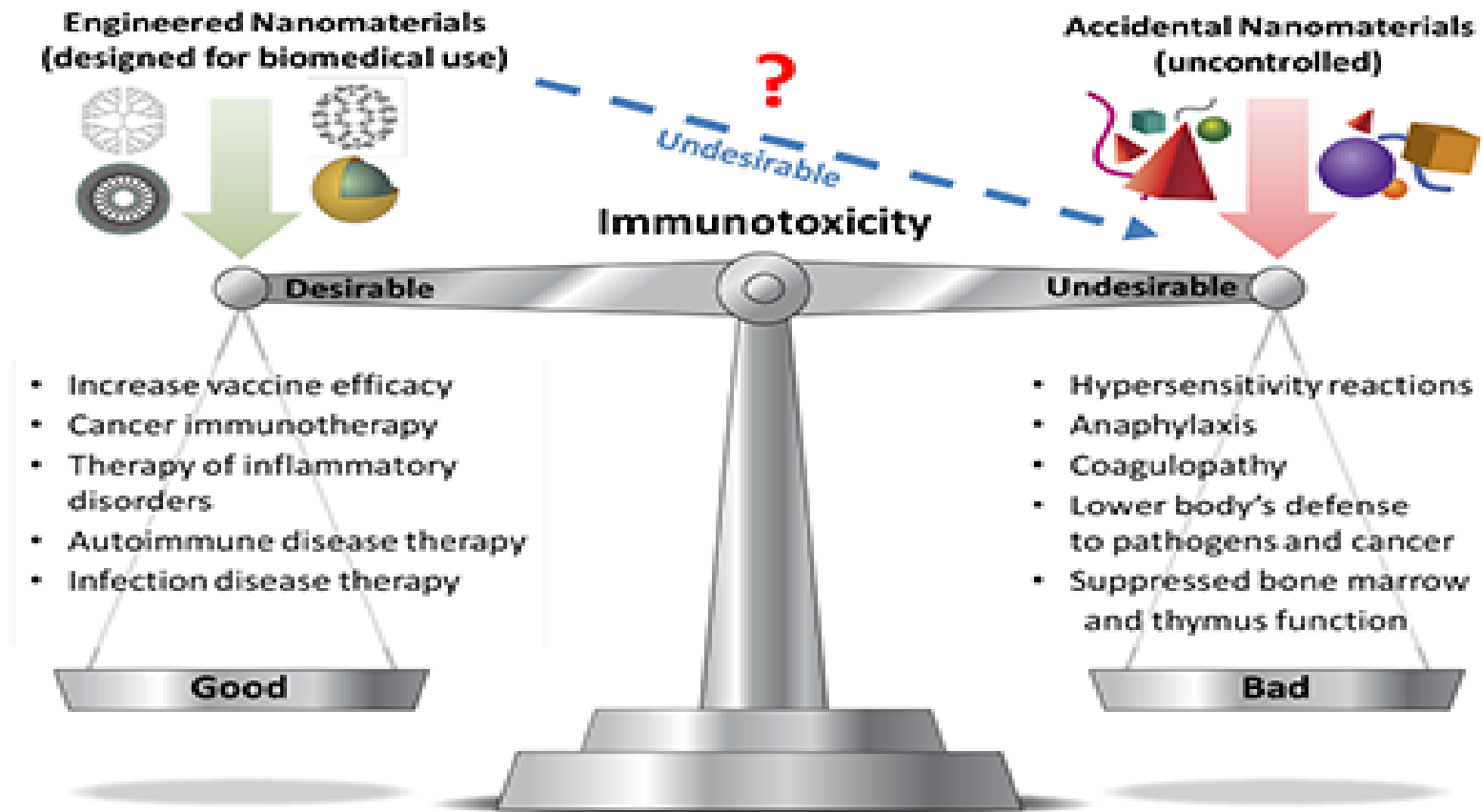


Figure 2. Size of proteins in the corona compared to nanoparticles of varying diameter. Nanoparticles are represented in blue and the diameter is given by the number under each particle in nm. Serum albumin³¹ is shown in red and scaled relative to the nanoparticles. High-density lipoprotein is represented by orange spheres at a size of 12.5 nm diameter.

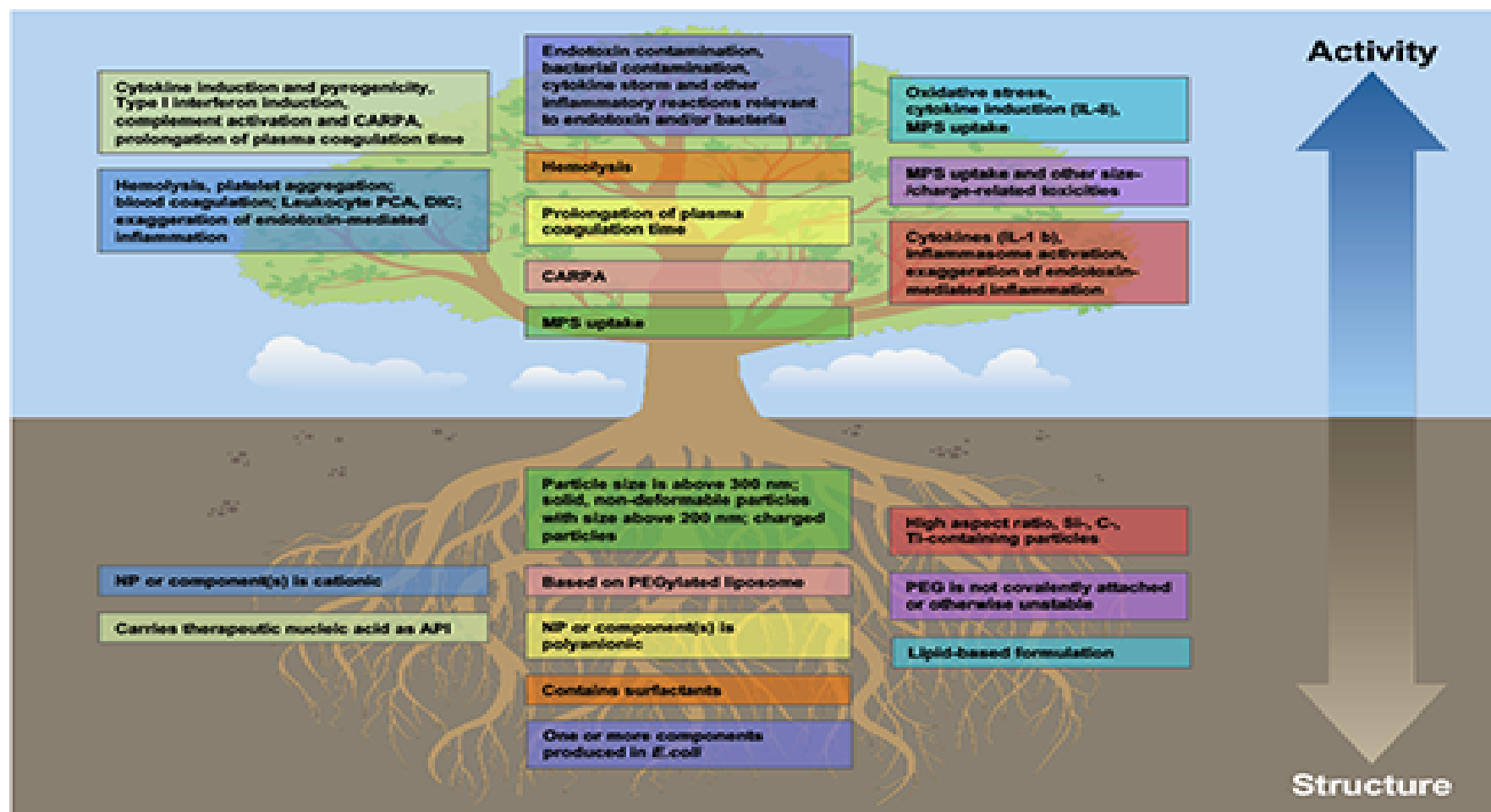
Nanoparticles

Nanoparticles and the immune system



Structure activity relationship

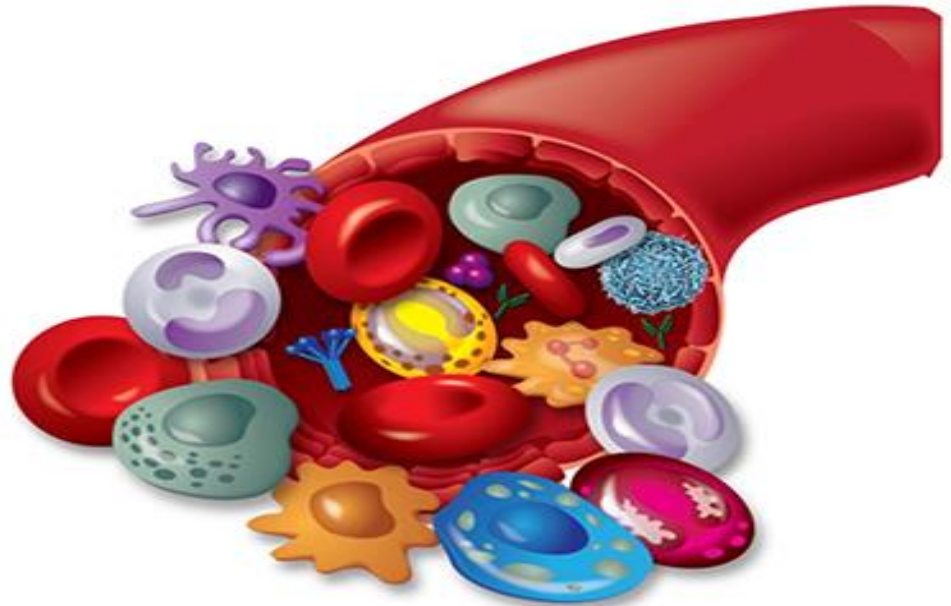
Structure Activity Relationship



Immune system

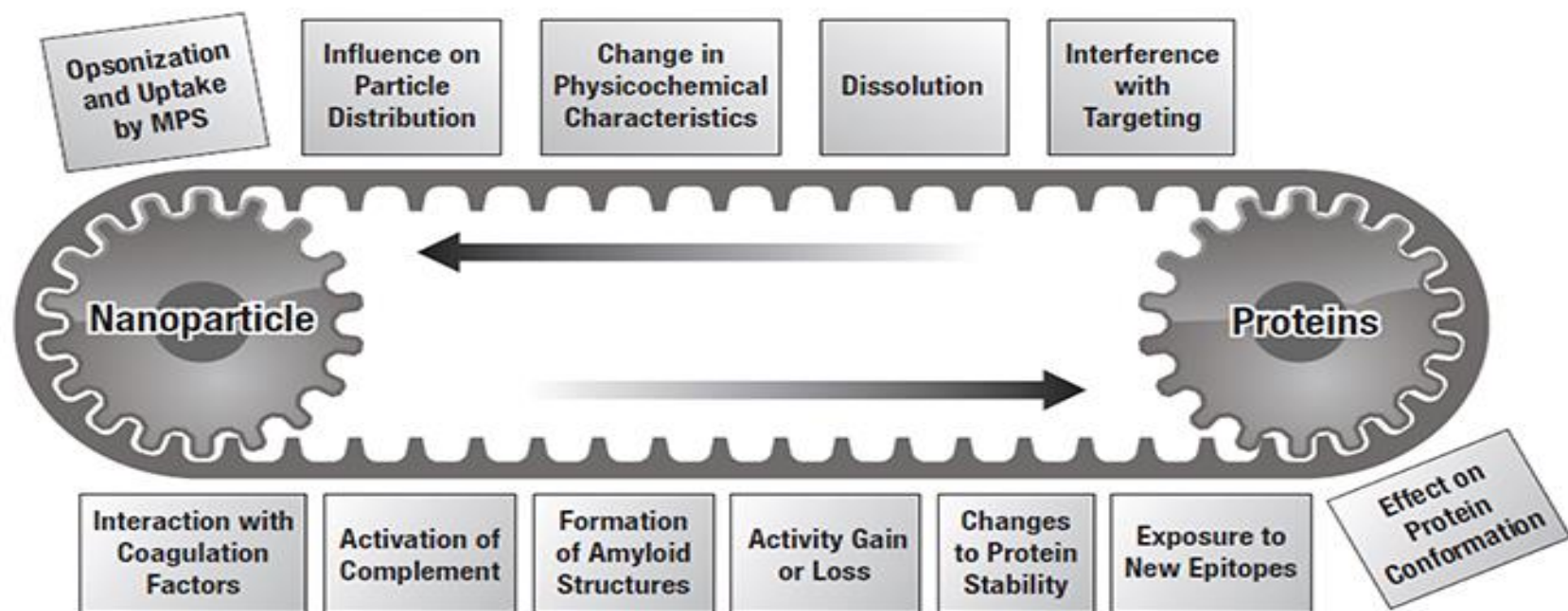
Nanoparticles and the immune system

- Plasma Proteins
 - Biodistribution and MPS uptake
- Effects on erythrocytes
- Blood coagulation system
 - Platelets
 - Leukocytes
 - Endothelial cells
- Allergy
 - Complement activation
 - DTH
- Cytokines
- Immunogenicity



Bidirectional communication

Bidirectional Communication between Nanoparticles and Proteins



Binding of proteins to nanoparticle surface result in changes in particle properties
Properties and function of some proteins may also change after binding to the nanoparticle

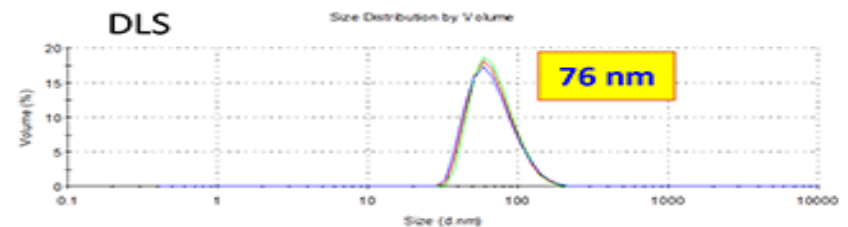
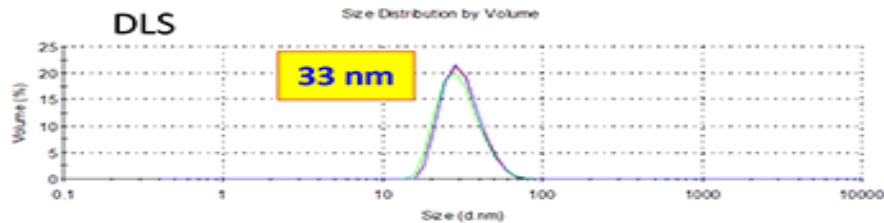
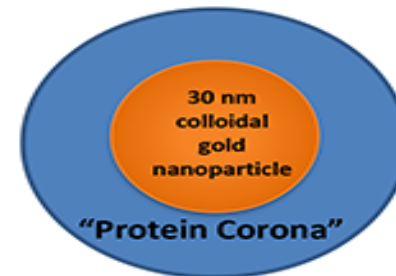
Protein binding

Protein binding affects particle size

BEFORE



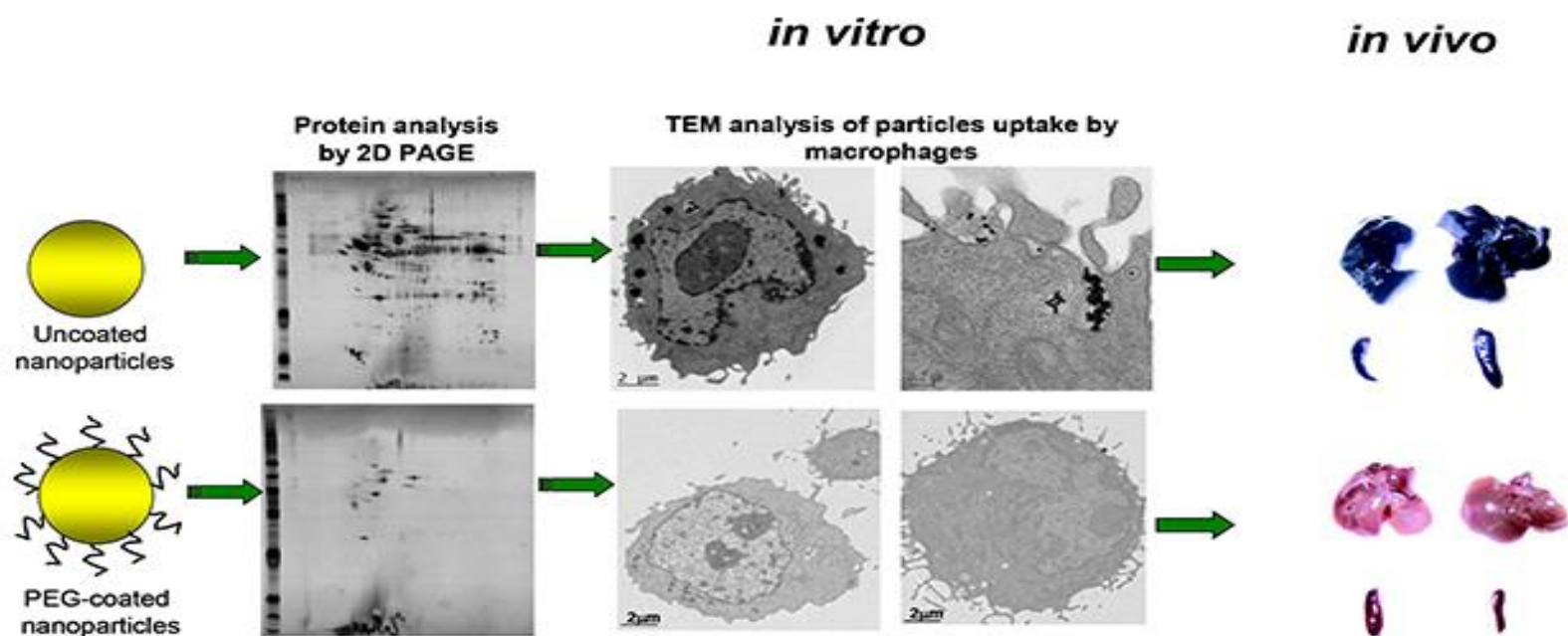
AFTER



Incubation with human plasma increases hydrodynamic size of nanoparticles

Biodistribution

Protein Binding and biodistribution



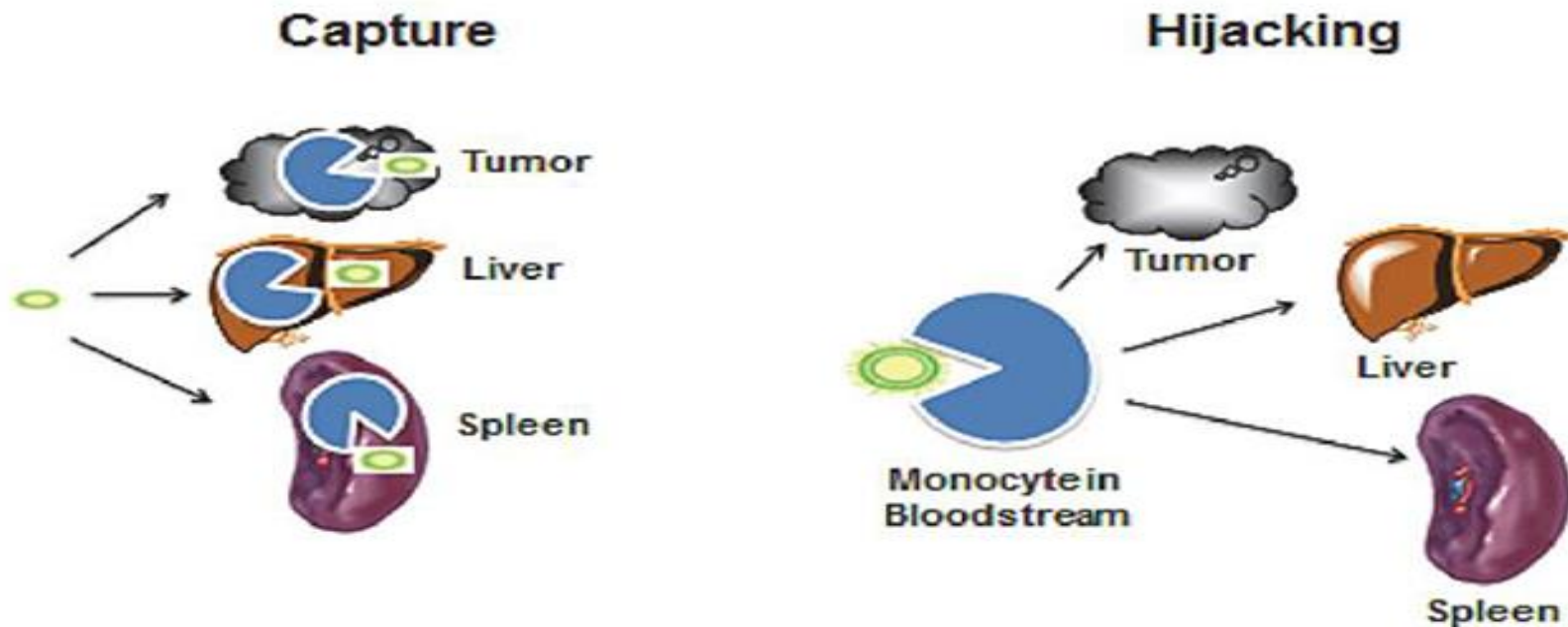
Dobrovolskaia et al., (2008), *Mol.Pharm.*, 5:487-495.

Paciotti J. et al.,(2004), *Drug Delivery*,11:169-183.

- Particles which bind proteins are eliminated by MPS
- Particle surface protection (e.g with PEG) reduces protein binding and MPS
 - Good correlation between *in vitro* and *in vivo*

MPS uptake

MPS uptake



- Two theories about nanoparticle distribution to the MPS
- Capture – uptake by phagocytic cells in the tissue
- Hijacking – uptake by circulating phagocytic cells which then take the particle to tissue

Macrophage polarization

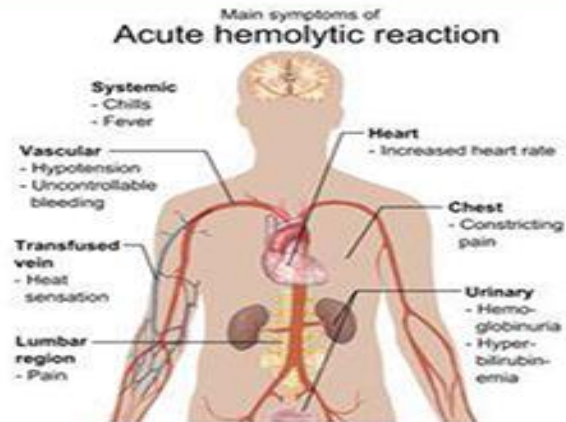
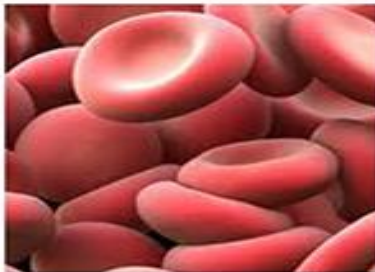
Nanoparticles Influence Macrophage Polarization

- Macrophages can acquire distinct functional capabilities depending on the types of activating stimuli they are exposed to
 - Classical M1 macrophages (efficient at killing microbes)**
 - Alternative activation M2 macrophages (efficient at tissue remodeling and repair)**

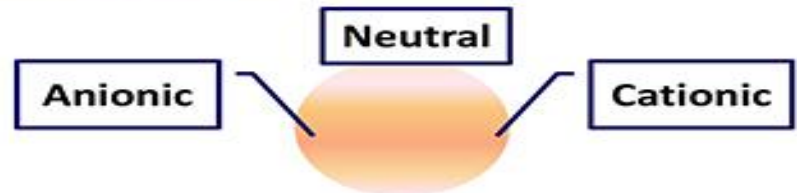
Nanoparticle Type	Overall Polarization Effect	Size Range (nm)	M1 Markers				M2 Markers				Reference
			CD68/CD80/CD86	IL-1 β /IL-6/IL-12/IL-23/TNF- α	iNOS/NO	ROS Generation	CD163/CD206	IL-10	TGF- β	Arginase-1	
Silica	M1-Like	10-1000	No Change	Increase	Increase	Increase	-	No Change	Increase	-	[59-64]
Gold	M1-Like	10-300	No Change	Increase	Increase	Increase	-	Decrease	-	-	[60, 70-73]
Polymeric	M2-Like	30-600	Decrease	Decrease	Decrease	Decrease	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Increase	[77-80]
Cationic Polymer	M1-Like	110-22000	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Decrease	Decrease	Increase	[85-93]
Liposome	M2-Like	70-400	-	Decrease	No Change	No Change	Increase	Increase	-	Increase	[96, 98, 99]
Carbon	M1-Like	70-70000	Increase	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Increase	No Change	Increase	[104-111]
Metallic	M1-Like	20-200	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Increase	-	Increase	[126-129, 136, 137, 139, 140]
Iron Oxide	M1-Like	30-200	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Decrease	Increase	-	Decrease	[150, 151, 154, 155, 161, 162, 165, 174]

Hemolysis

Hemolysis



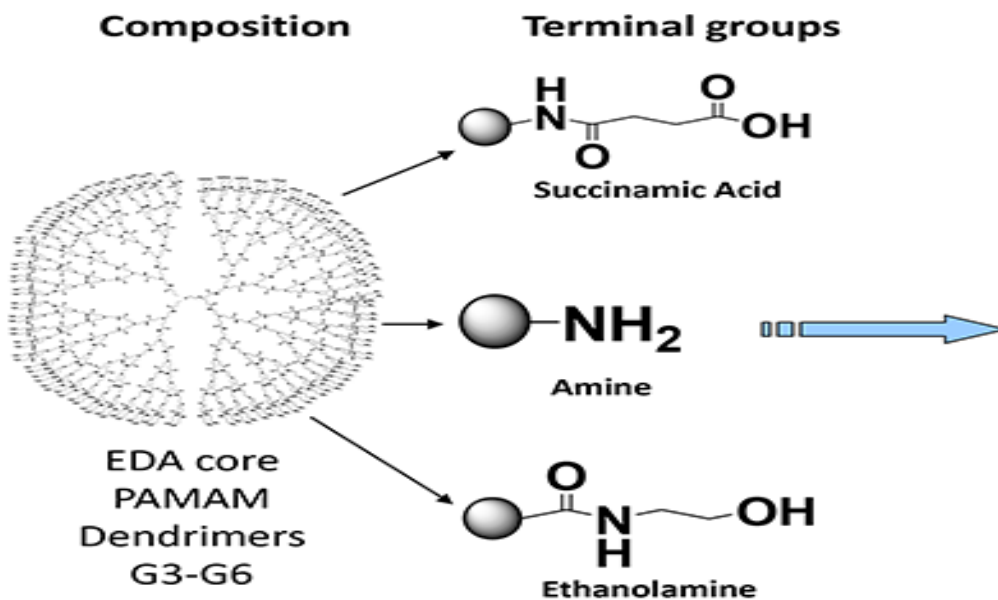
**Role of Nanoparticle
Size**



**Role of Nanoparticle
Surface Charge**

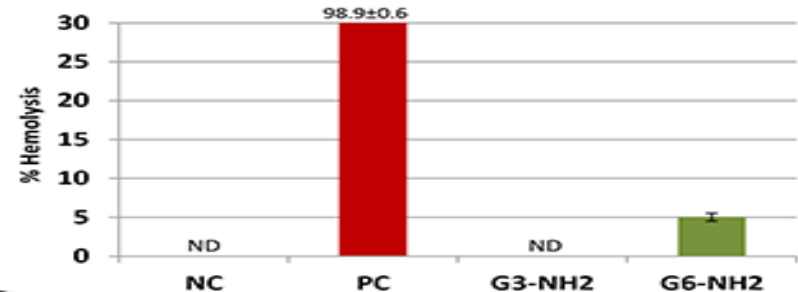
Hemolysis

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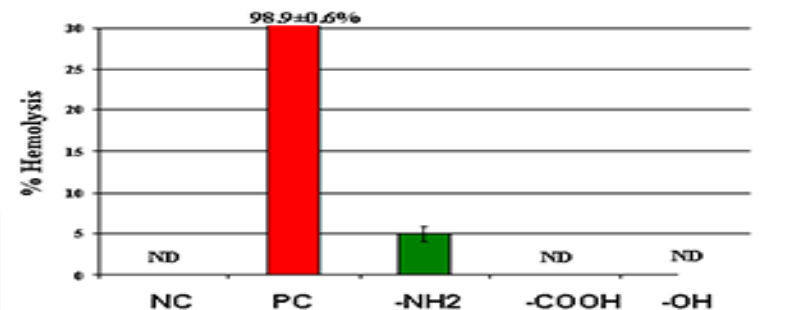


- Cationic dendrimers are more hemolytic than their anionic and neutral counterparts of the same size
- Larger dendrimers are more hemolytic than smaller

Effects of Size



Effects of Surface Charge

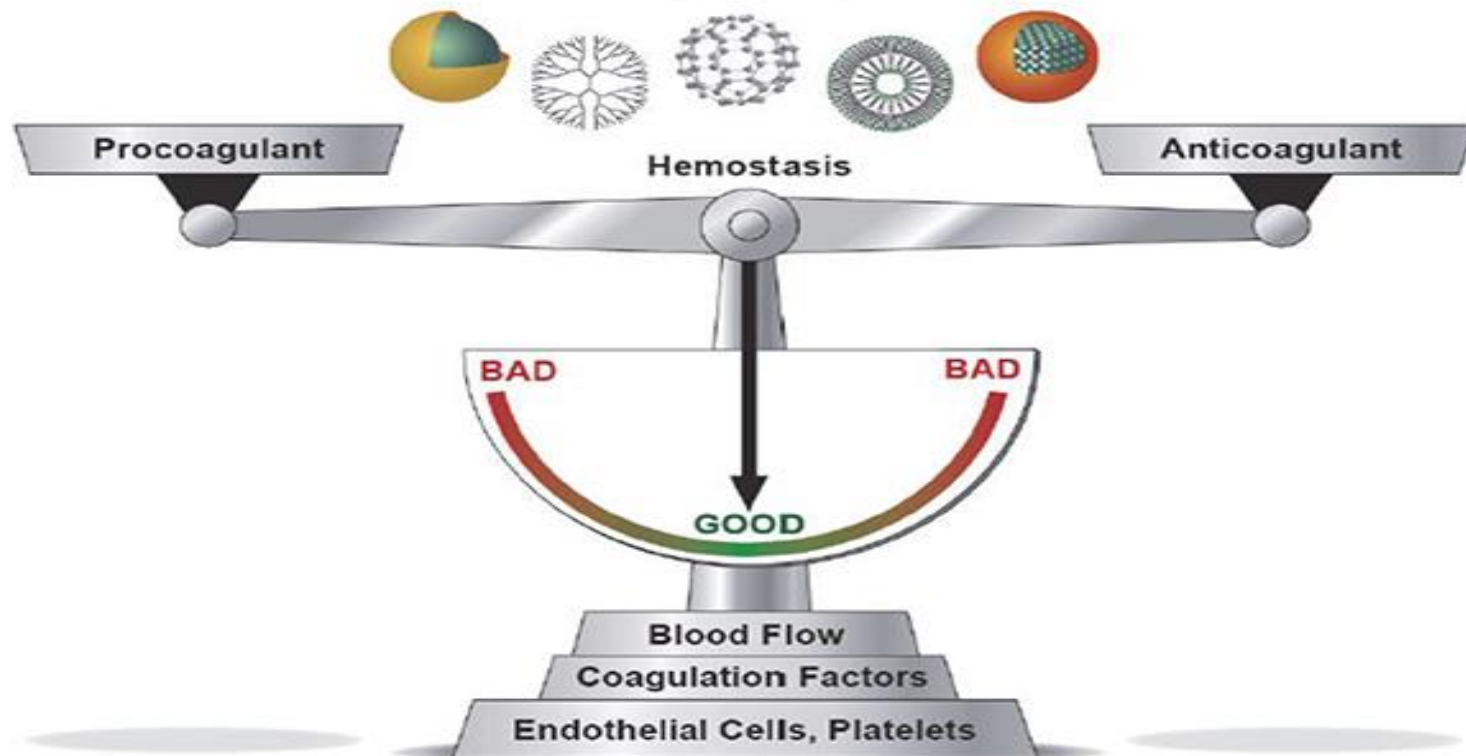


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Coagulation system

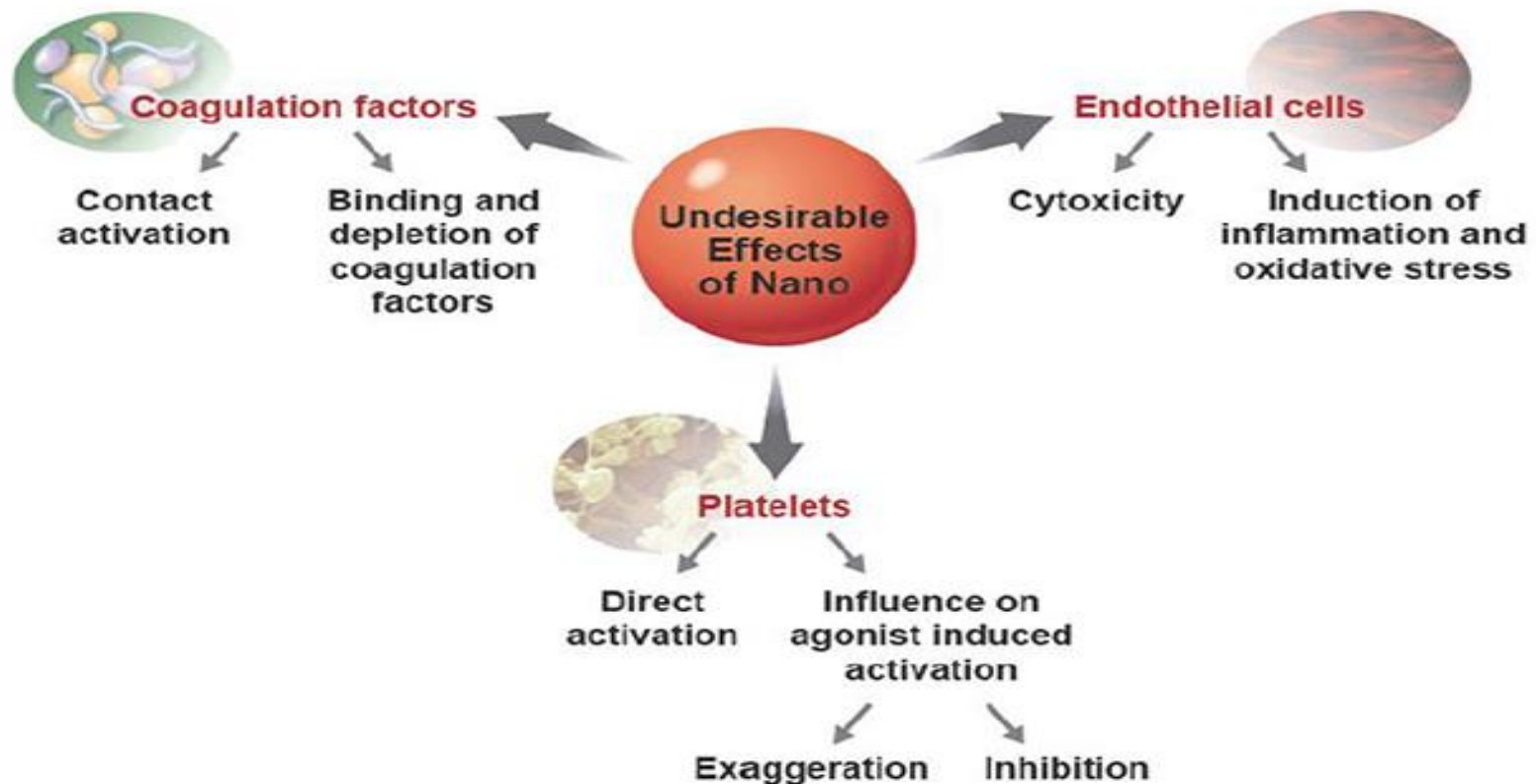
Coagulation system

Nanoparticles can be engineered to avoid or specifically interact with coagulation system.



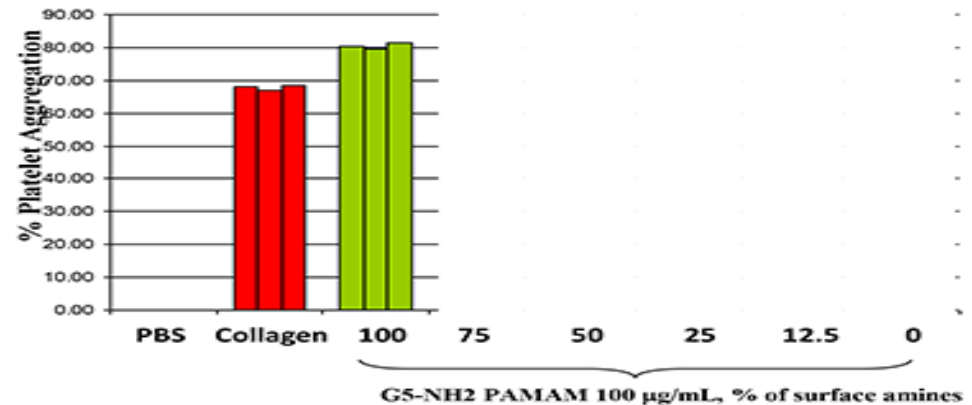
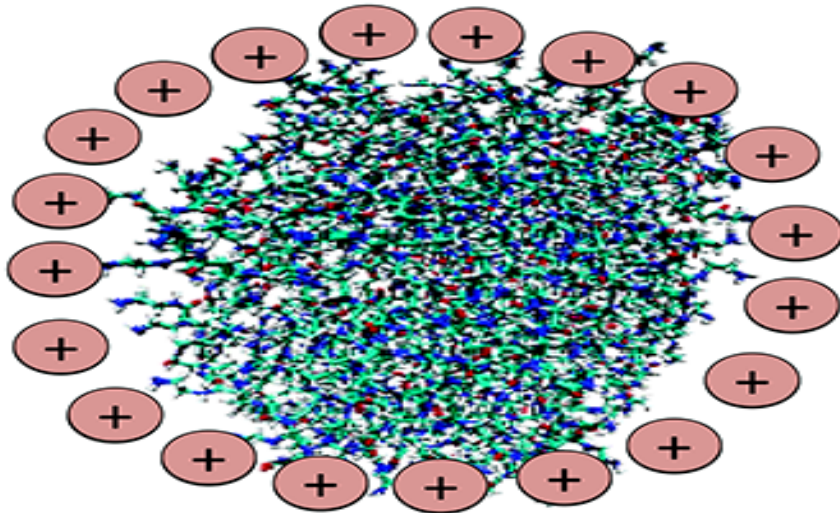
Undesirable effects

Undesirable effects on coagulation



Zeta potential

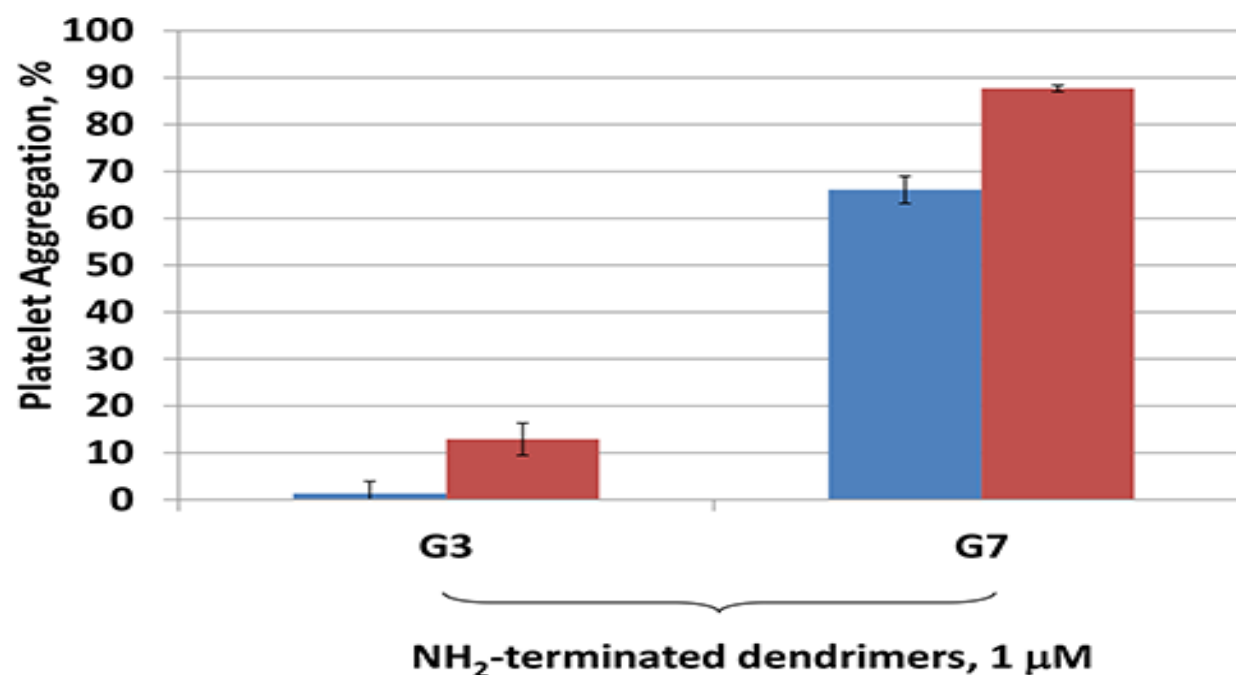
Platelets: role of zeta potential



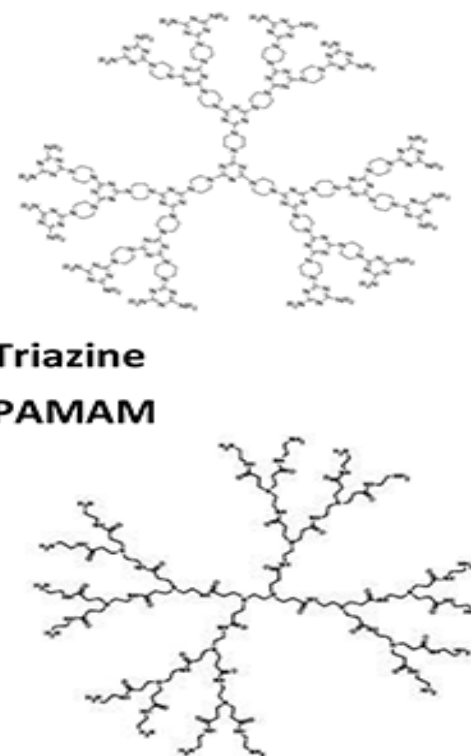
Zeta Potential is important
Less surface amines = less platelet aggregation

Platelets

Platelets: effect of composition



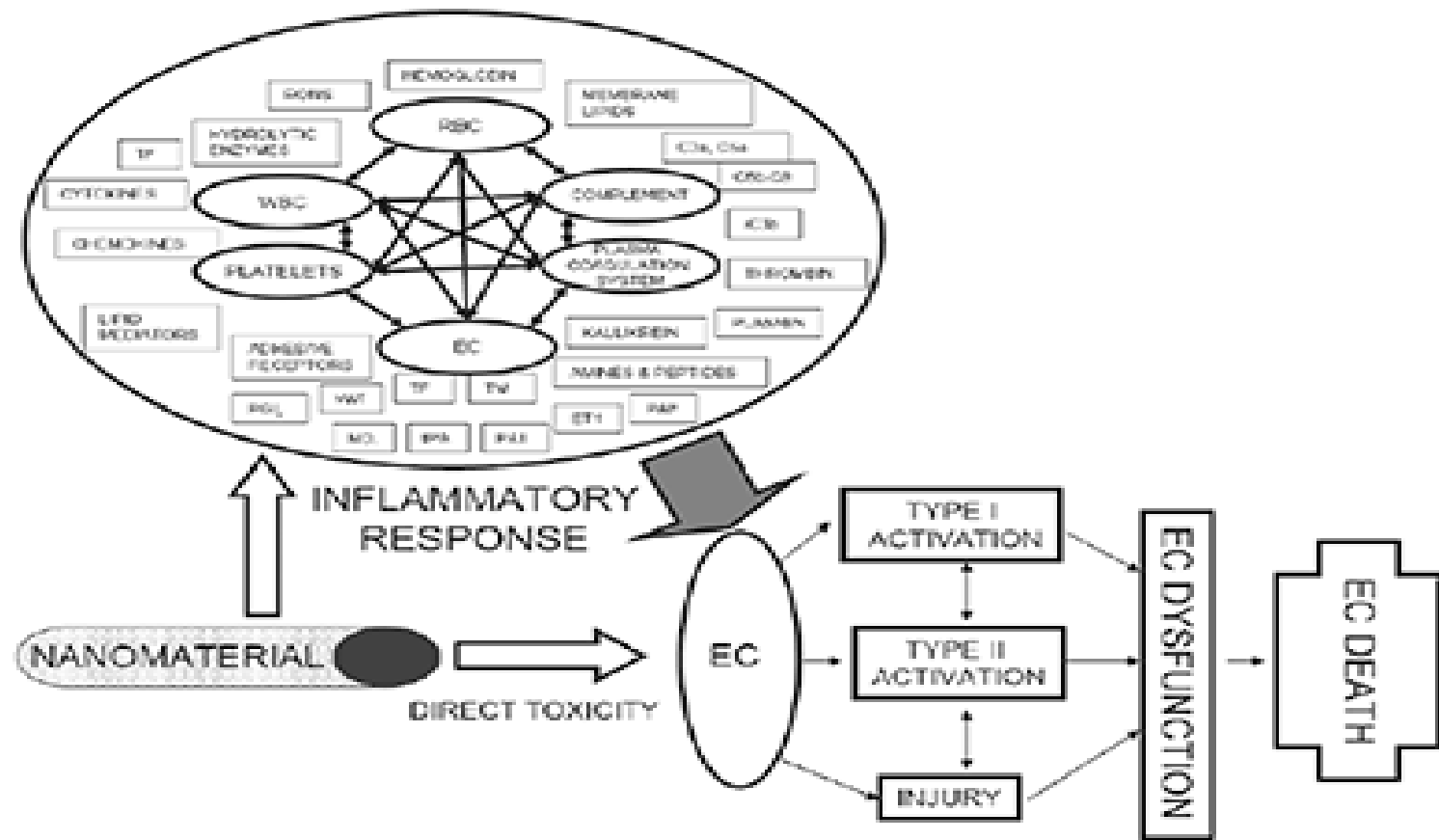
■ Triazine
■ PAMAM



Triazine dendrimers are less potent in inducing platelet aggregation than their PAMAM counterparts

Endothelial cells

Effects on endothelial cells



Complement activation

Complement activation

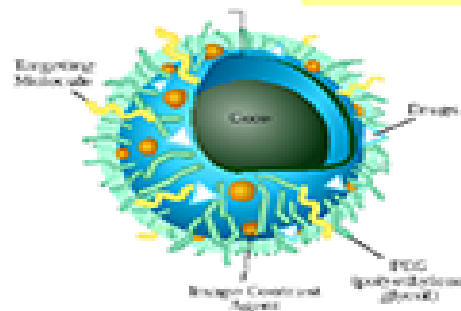
Complement

Nonspecific clearance of pathogens

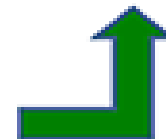
- Hypersensitivity reactions
- Anaphylaxis

- Enhances B-cell responses to antigen
- Promotes T-cell activation
- Promotes DC activation

- Humoral immune response
- Cellular immune response



**Nanotechnology-based
pharmaceuticals**



If particles are intended for
systemic administration
complement activation
should be avoided

If particles are intended for
s.c. & i.d. routes,
complement activation
may benefit vaccine efficacy

Fibrous carriers

Fibrous Carriers induce IL-1

Particle and Fibre Toxicology

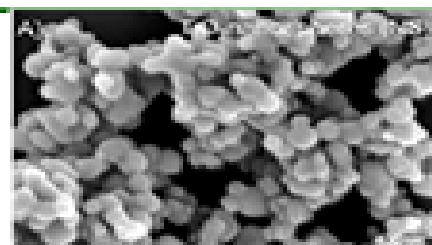
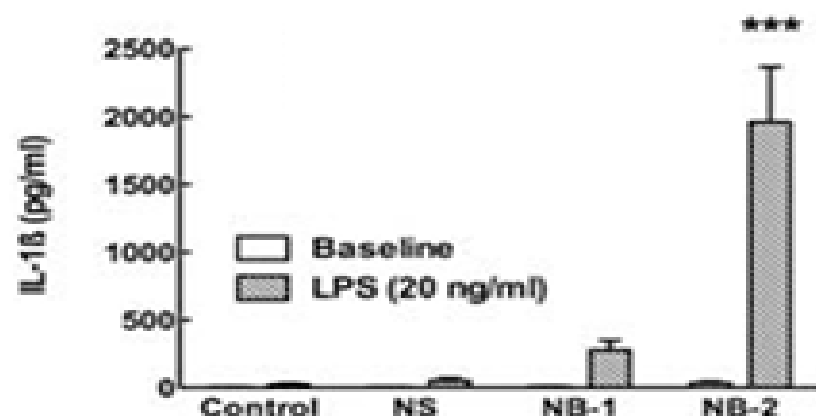
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Research

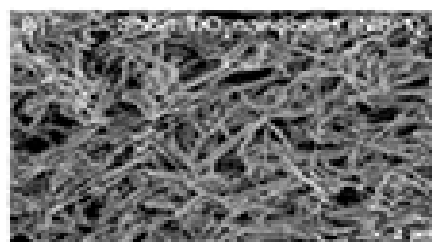
Particle length-dependent titanium dioxide nanomaterials toxicity and bioactivity

Raymond F Hamilton Jr¹, Nianqiang Wu², Dale Porter³, Mary Buford¹, Michael Wolfarth³ and Andriy Holian^{*1}

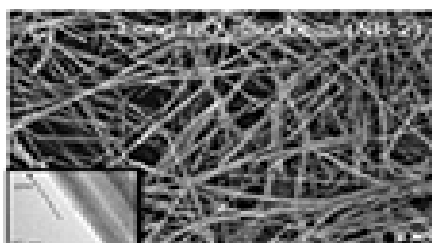
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TiO₂
Nanospheres
(NS)



TiO₂
Short Nanobelts
(NB-1)

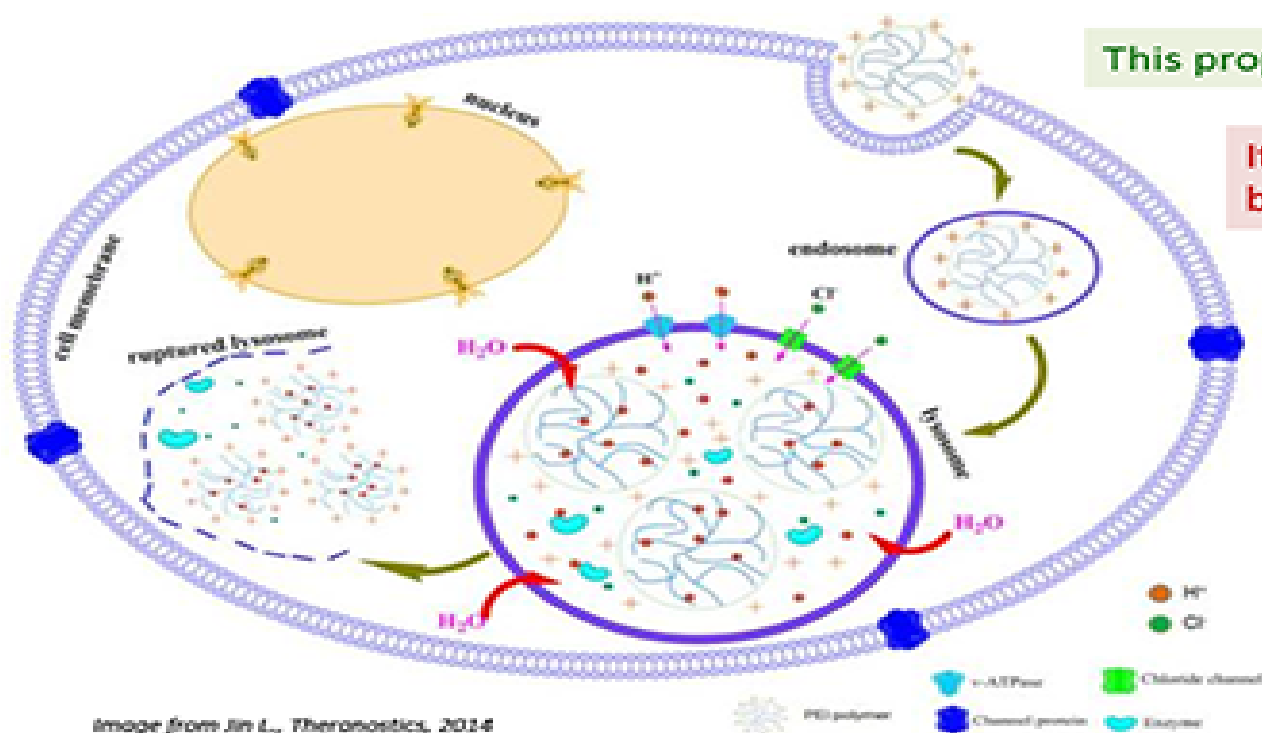


TiO₂
Long Nanobelts
(NB-2)

- Long fibrous TiO₂ nanoparticles enhanced endotoxin-mediated IL-1
- Cationic dendrimers have similar property
- Enhancement of endotoxin-mediated inflammation is a serious safety concern due to common contamination of nanomaterials with bacterial LPS

IL-1 induction

Mechanism of IL-1 induction



This property is beneficial for vaccines

It creates safety concerns for biotechnology therapeutics

Image from Jin L., Theranostics, 2014

Fibrous and Cationic particles induce IL-1 β through activation of NLRP3 inflammasome triggered by a proton-sponge mechanism

Cationic liposomes

Cationic Liposomes induce broad spectrum of cytokines



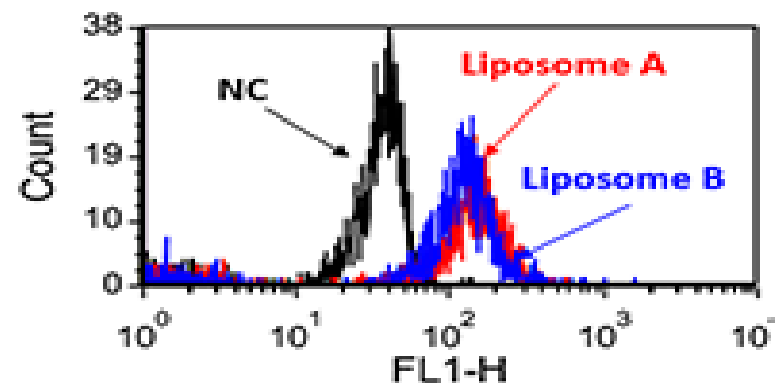
Cationic Liposomes

	IFN- γ	IL-1 α	IL-1 β	IL-6	IL-8	IL-10	MCP-1	MIP-1 α	MIP-1 β	RANTES	TNF- α
donor #1	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	++	++	++
donor #2	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	++	++	++
donor #3	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	++	+++	++
donor #4	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	+	+	+	++	++
donor #5	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	++	++	++	++	++
donor #6	-	++	++	+++	+++	+	++	+++	++	++	++
donor #7	-	+	+	++	+++	+	++	+++	+	++	++

Detected cytokines	IL-1 α	IL-1 β	IL-6	TNF- α	IL-10	IL-8	MCP-1	MIP-1 α	MIP-1 β	RANTES
Group:	cytokines					chemokines				

Detected danger signals	MMP-1	MMP-7	MMP-9
Group:	metalloproteinases		

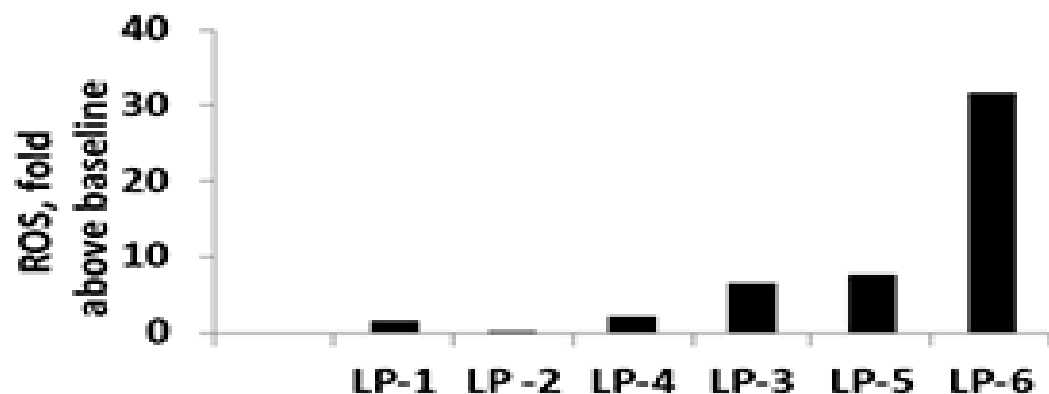
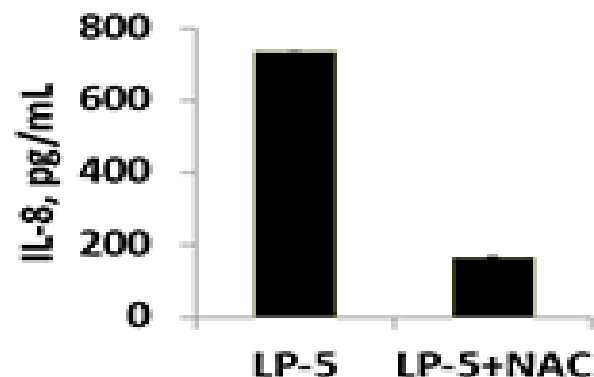
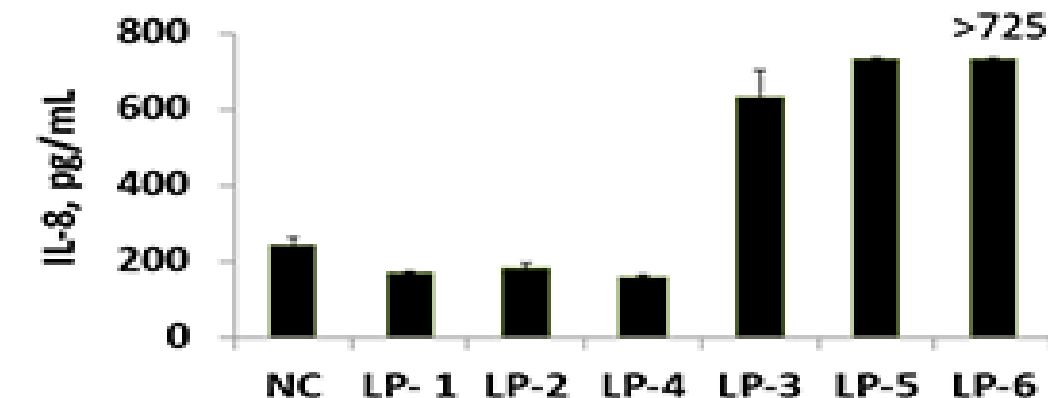
- Cationic liposomes induce wide range of pro-inflammatory responses
- While cytokines are needed for adjuvanticity, excessive secretion of some of them (e.g. TNF α) often leads to side effects (necrosis at the injection site)



Oxidative stress is underlying mechanism

Chemokine induction

Anionic liposomes induce chemokines



- Induction of IL-8 by liposomes follows induction of oxidative stress and can be prevented by antioxidant N-acetyl cysteine

IFN induction

Nucleic Acid Nanoparticles induce IFN

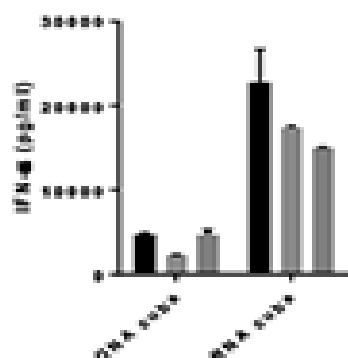


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Composition

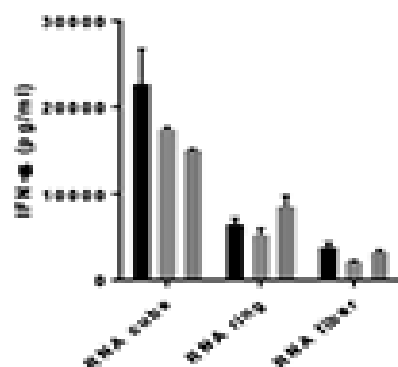


DNA < RNA



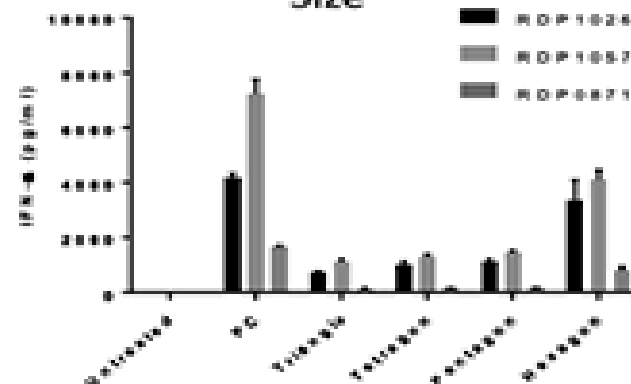
RNA nanoparticles are more potent than DNA nanoparticles

Architecture



Globular particles are more potent than planar than fibrous particles

Size

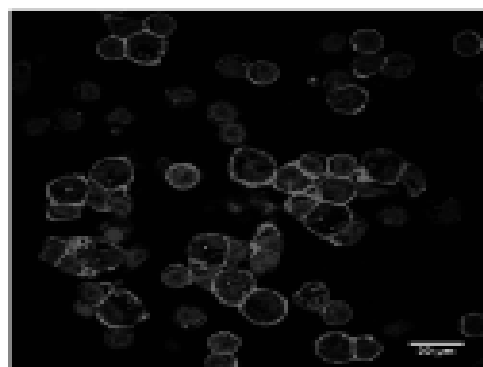


Larger particles are more potent than their smaller particles

IFN induction

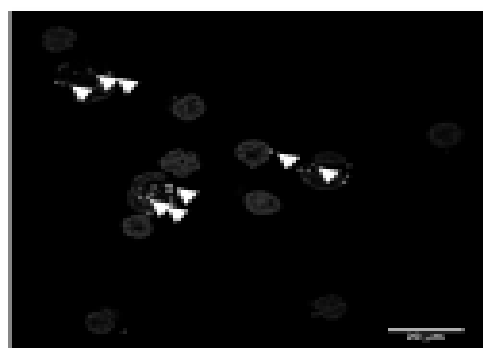
Mechanism of IFN induction

Internalization



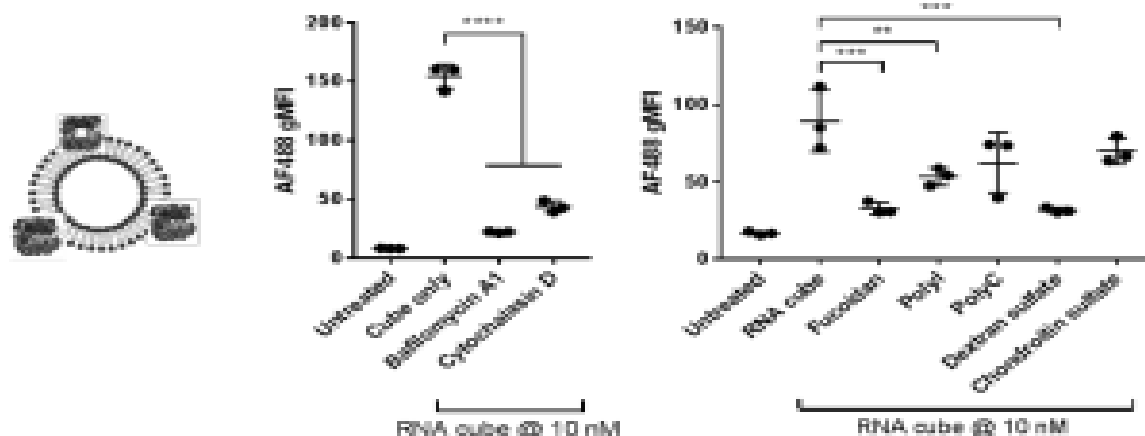
Red: Cell membrane (wheat germ agglutinin AF568)
Green: Nanoparticles (RNA cube, AF488)
Blue: Nucleus (DAPI)

Co-localization with endolysosomal pathway

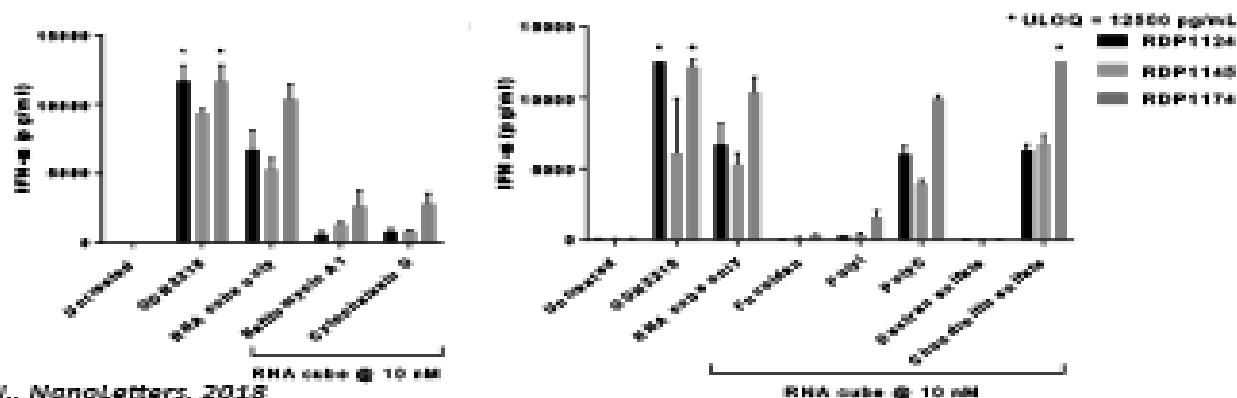


Red: Endolysosomes (Lyso-ID Red)
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Blue: Nucleus (DAPI)

Inhibition of particles uptake by SR-mediated endocytosis....

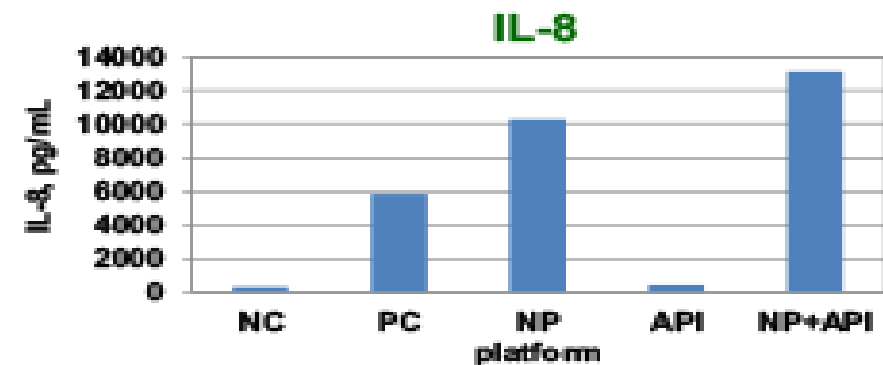
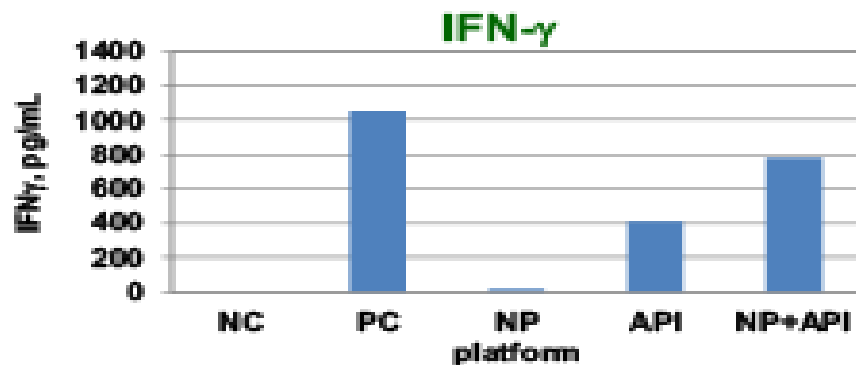
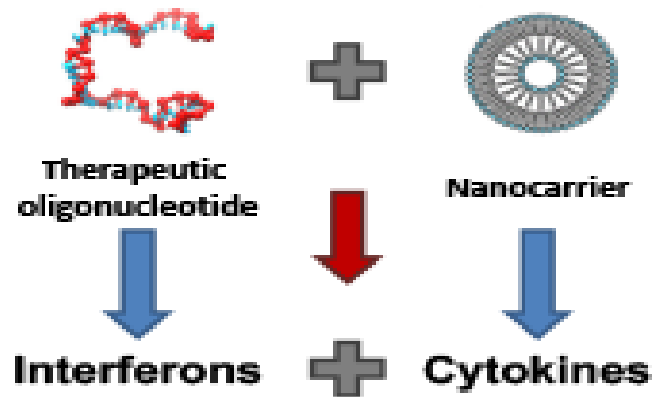


.... correlates with inhibition of IFN production



API immunotoxicity

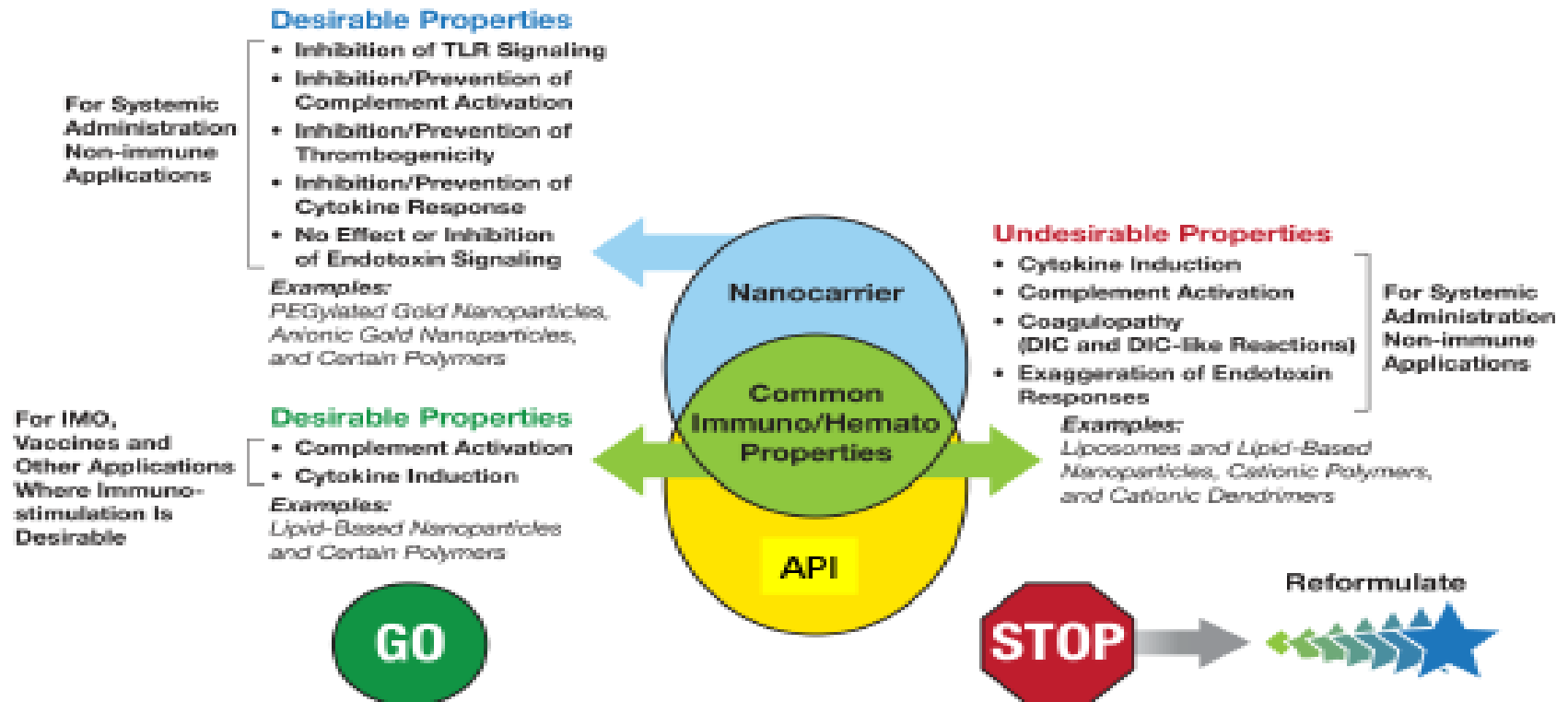
Carrier contribution to API immunotoxicity



Nanocarriers may contribute to immunostimulation profile of API

Platform selection

Considerations for platform selection



- Immunotoxicity of both API and nanocarrier should be considered.
- Use immunologically reactive carrier when immunomodulation is wanted.
- Avoid such platforms when immunoreactivity is undesirable.

Infusion reactions

First Generation Liposomes & Infusion Reactions

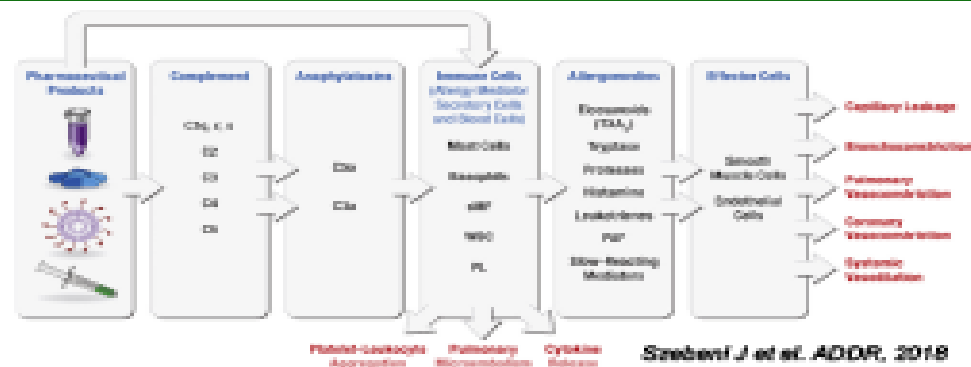


Table 1 | Gell and Coombs classification of allergic reactions

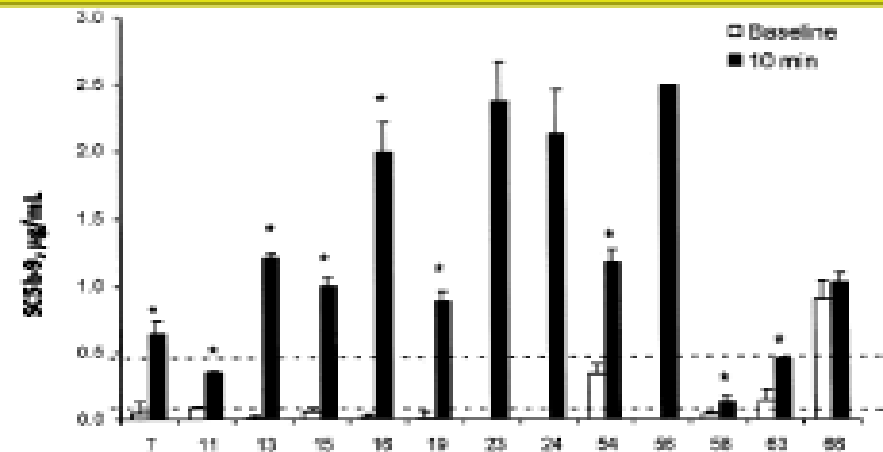
Underlying mechanism	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
Mediators	IgE	Cytotoxic (antibody) antibodies	Immune complexes (antibody-antigen)	Mostly T-helper cells and macrophages, but antibodies involved
Immune response	Regulation (inhibitory or stimulatory) of mast cells and basophils and synthesis of new mediators (histamine, prostaglandins and leukotrienes)	Cytotoxicity by natural killer (NK) cells, macrophages, neutrophils and complement	Deposits of immune complexes in tissues, inflammatory response (including complement activation, neutrophil degranulation and platelet activation)	Cytotoxicity and accumulation of macrophages and T cells, cytokine release and lymphocyte activation
Time to develop	Usually from minutes (30-60 minutes) to a few hours. Late-onset reactions (20-30 hours) are uncommon	From minutes to hours, but some clinical manifestations (e.g. neutropenia, agranulocytosis, fever, rash) can be delayed for a few days	From 3-8 hours, but some clinical manifestations can develop even 9-12 days after exposure	Several (2-14) days
Clinical symptoms	Urticaria, angioedema, asthma, rhinitis, conjunctivitis, anaphylaxis, anaphylactoid shock, bronchospasm	Fever, rigors, myalgia, hypotension, haemolytic anaemia, disseminated intravascular coagulation	Thrombocytopenia, renal dysfunction, fever, rash, joint pain, and malaise. In addition, serum sickness, glomerulonephritis, and neuritis are possible	Most common skin eruptions, respiratory distress, anaphylaxis, shock, and malaise. Contact dermatitis, myalgia, fever, malaise, lymphocyte activation

Szebeni J et al. Nature Nanotechnology, 2018

- Infusion reactions to PEGylated liposomes fit Gell and Coombs classification for Type I HR, but mediated by complement instead of IgE
- These IRs are often called anaphylactoid, pseudoallergy or CARPA



Activation of complement, and complement-dependent and -independent induction of cytokines under Type I IRs to liposomes



Chanana-Khan et al., (2003) Ann. Oncol., 14:1430-1437

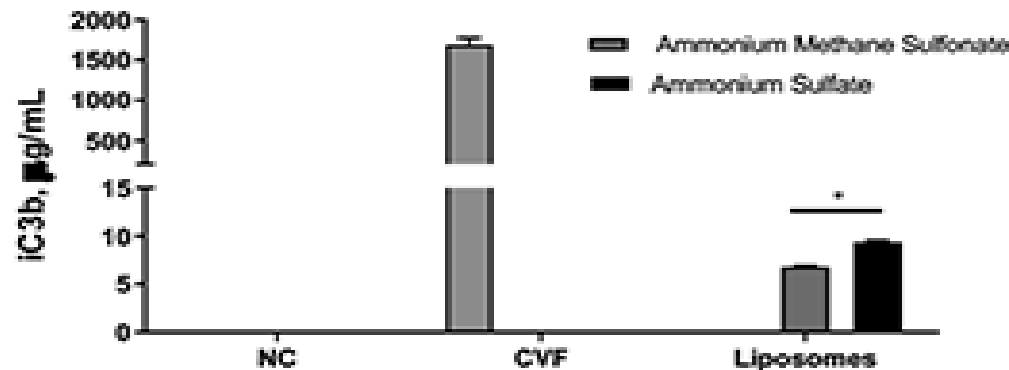
2nd generation liposomes

2nd Generation Liposomes Overcome Infusion Reactions



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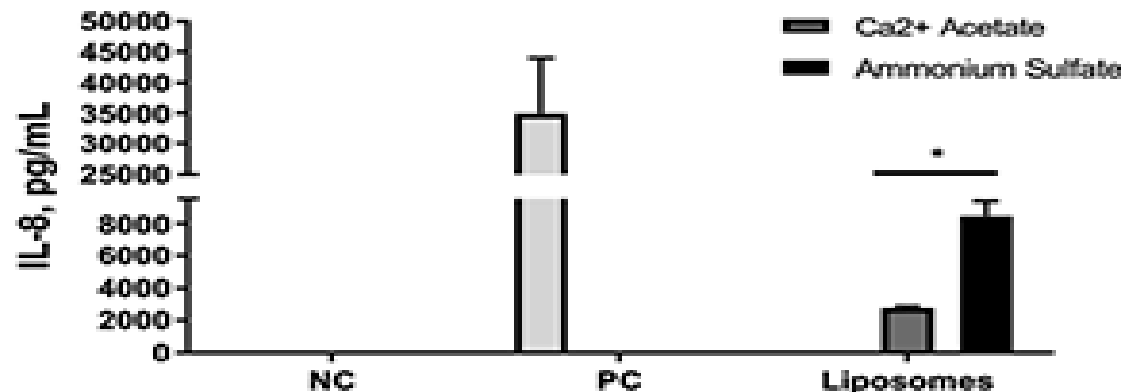
Difference in Biological Response



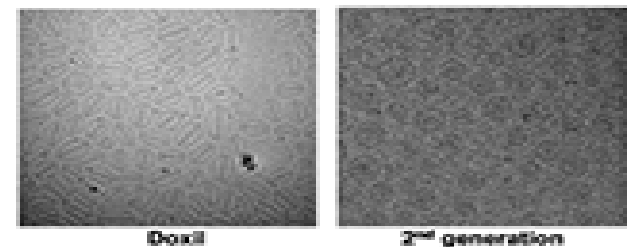
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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM



These data are generated in collaboration with Dr. Barenholz



Difference in shape



DOX=doxorubicin; NC= negative-control; CVF= cobra venom factor; PEG = polyethylene glycol; PC = positive control

Allergenicity

Allergenicity: DTH to dendrimers



A case of toxic epidermal necrolysis-like dermatitis evolving from contact dermatitis of the hands associated with exposure to dendrimers

Contact Dermatitis 2008: 59: 122–123

T. Toyama, H. Matsuda, I. Ishida, M. Tani, S. Kitaba, S. Sano and I. Katayama

Department of Dermatology, Course of Integrated Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University, 2-2 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan

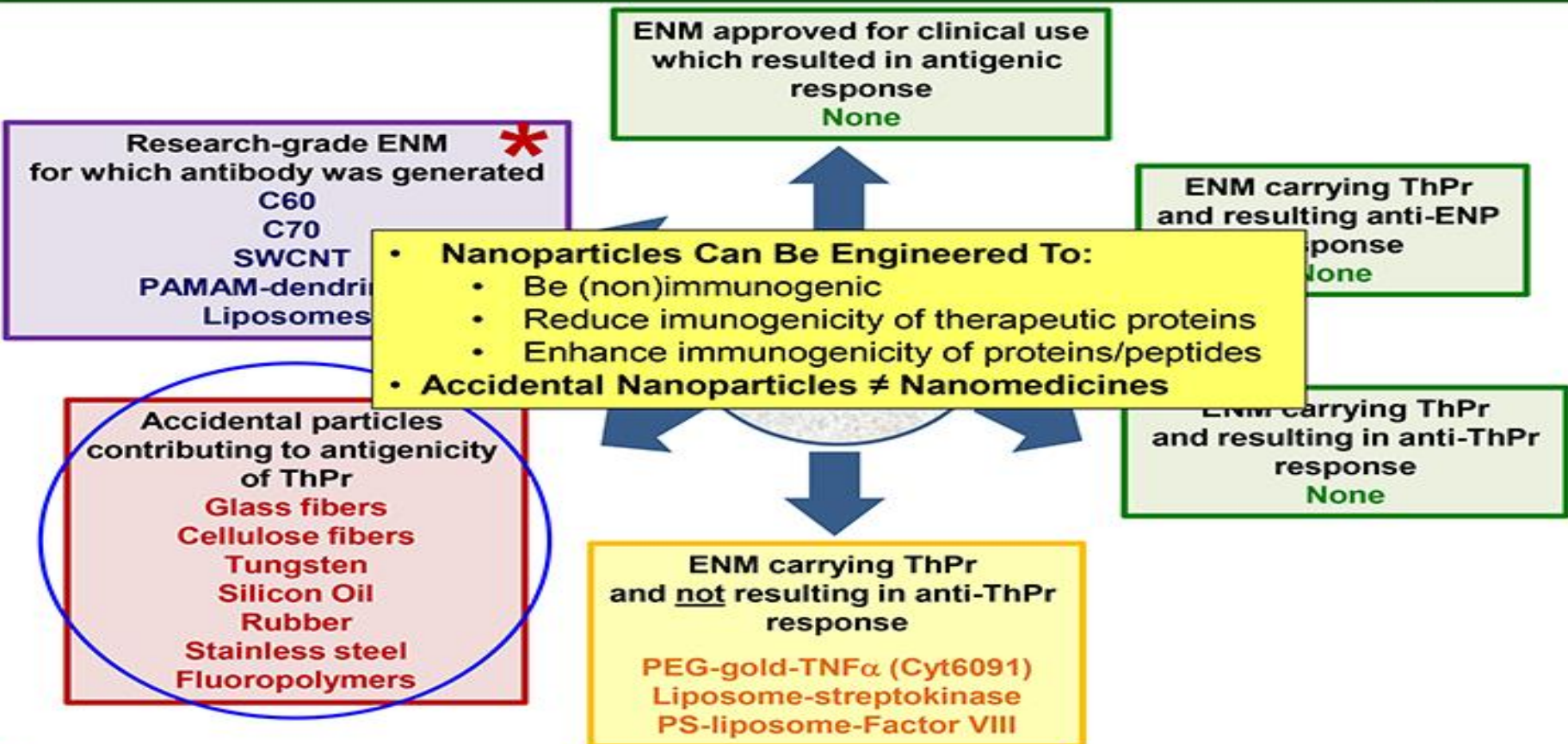
- Only one case of necrotizing dermatitis (type IV reaction) in response to dendrimers is reported in the literature: fever, chills, exudative erythema and fused bullae (Nikolsky's reaction)
- The mechanism is unknown

Immunogenicity



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Immunogenicity



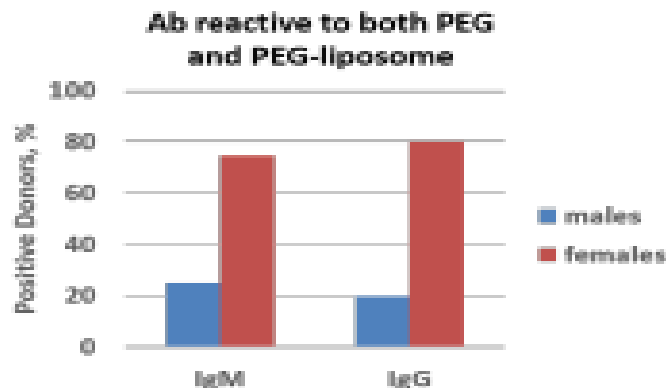
* - antibodies were generated ONLY after conjugation to protein carrier and injection in the presence of strong adjuvants
ENM = engineered nanomaterials; ThPr = therapeutic protein; SWCNT = single wall carbon nanotubes; PAMAM = polyamidoamine; TNF = tumor necrosis factor
Dobrovolskaia & McNeil. *Handbook of Immunological properties of engineered nanomaterials*. WSP, 2013, ISBN 978-981-4390-25-5.

Anti-PEG antibody

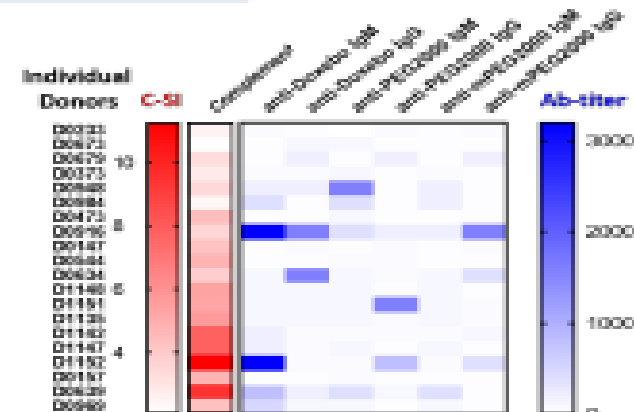
Pre-existing anti-PEG antibody

- PEGylation of nanoparticles is common to improve circulation time
- Several studies reported existence of naturally occurring antibody
- Functional significance of these antibodies is incompletely understood

"a high level of pre-existing anti-PEG antibodies was a major, but not the sole, factor necessary for triggering first-exposure allergic reaction to pegnivacogin, a PEGylated RNA aptamer" Ganson et al., J ALLERGY CLIN IMMUNOL MAY 2016



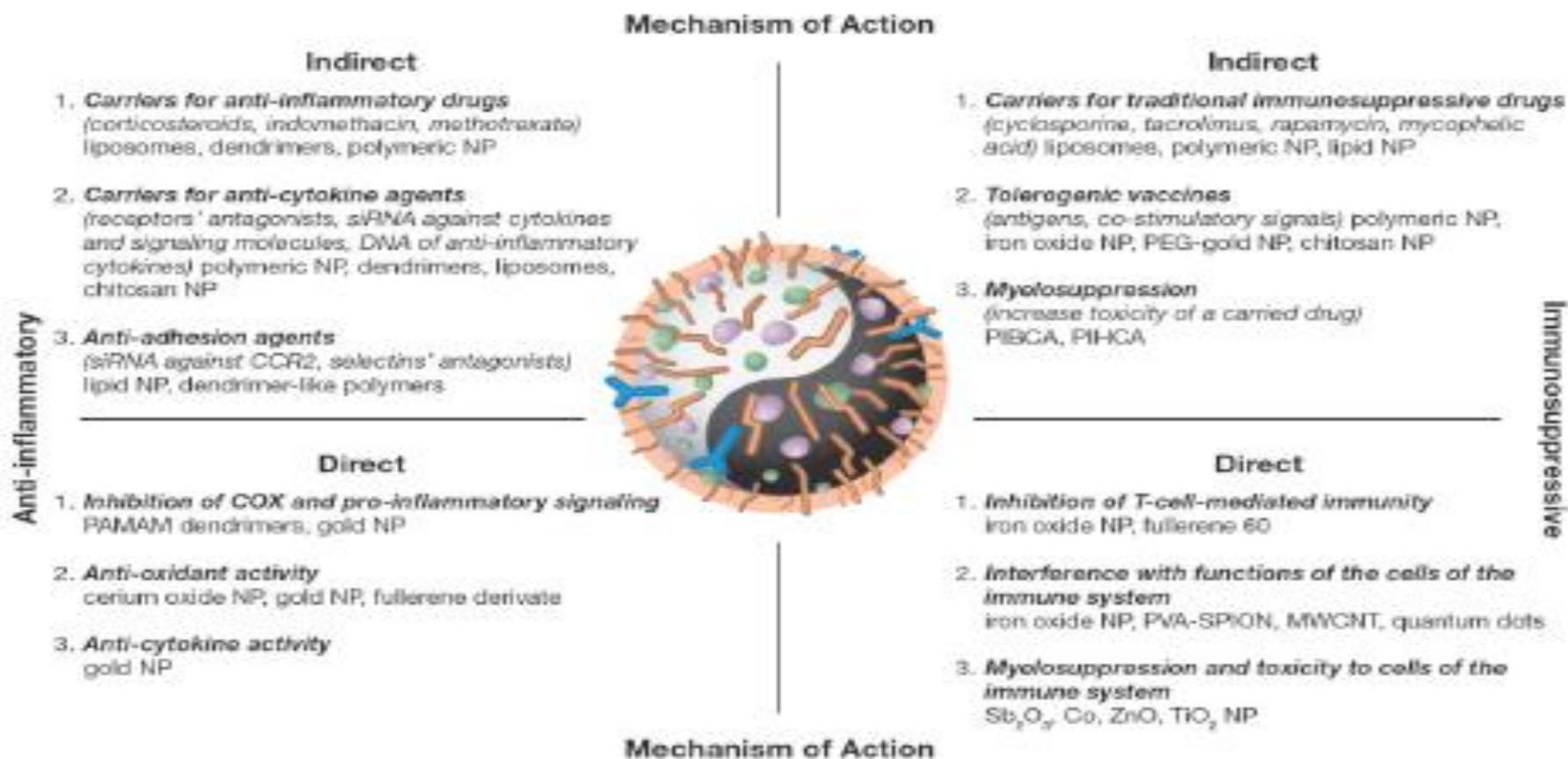
High (> 800) titer PEG-reactive antibodies are detected in both healthy males and females, but are more prevalent in females



PEG Ab titer does not correlate with complement activation by PEGylated liposomes. The Ab suggest greater risk but can't predict the reaction and its magnitude. Functional assay, e.g. C3 ELISA, should be used instead

Anti-inflammatory properties

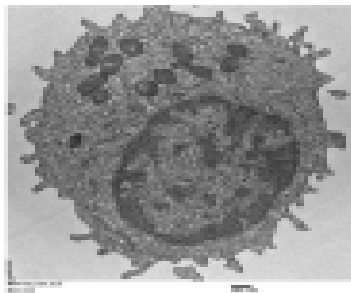
Anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive properties



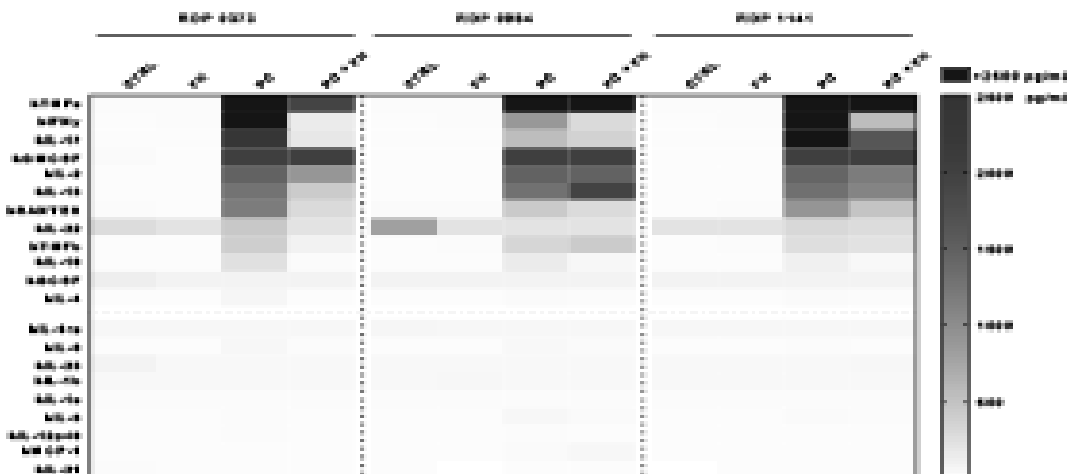
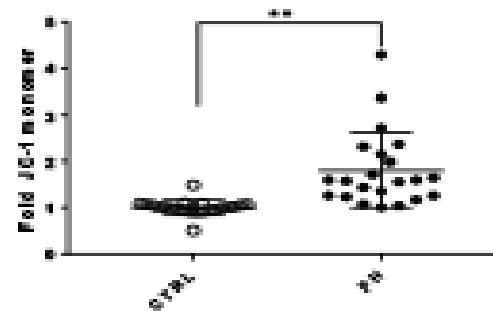
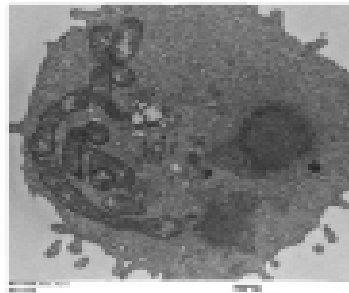
Immunosuppression

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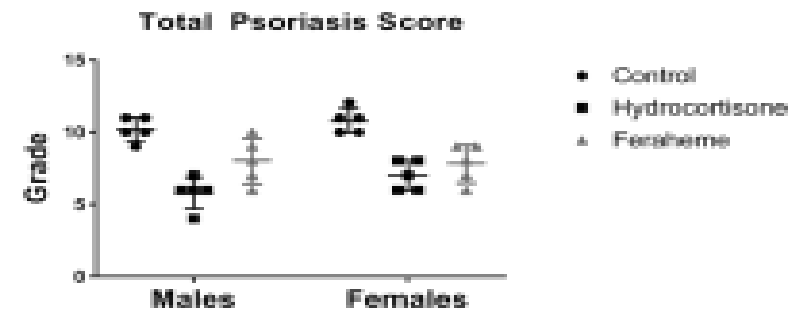
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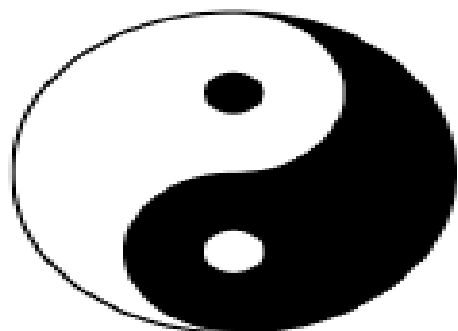
Iron oxide nanoparticles (Feraheme) suppresses activation of T-cells via a mechanism involving mitochondrial ROS in vitro



Topical application of Feraheme inhibits development of skin lesions in a mouse model of psoriasis

Take home message

Take Home Message



- Immunotoxicity can be **GOOD** or **BAD**
- Depends on whether it is desirable (intended) or undesirable (unintended)

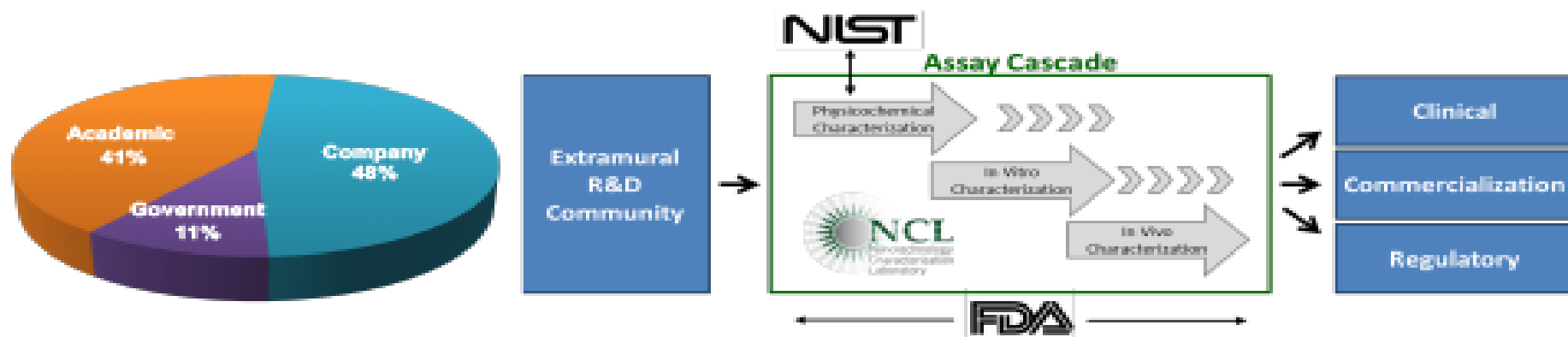
- Nanoparticles can be engineered to improve desirable properties or to reduce undesirable ones
- Understanding SAR and mechanisms of toxicity can inform creation of safe and efficient complex drug systems

Nanotechnology characterization lab

Nanotechnology Characterization Lab



FREE Service for cancer nanotechnology concepts, by application.



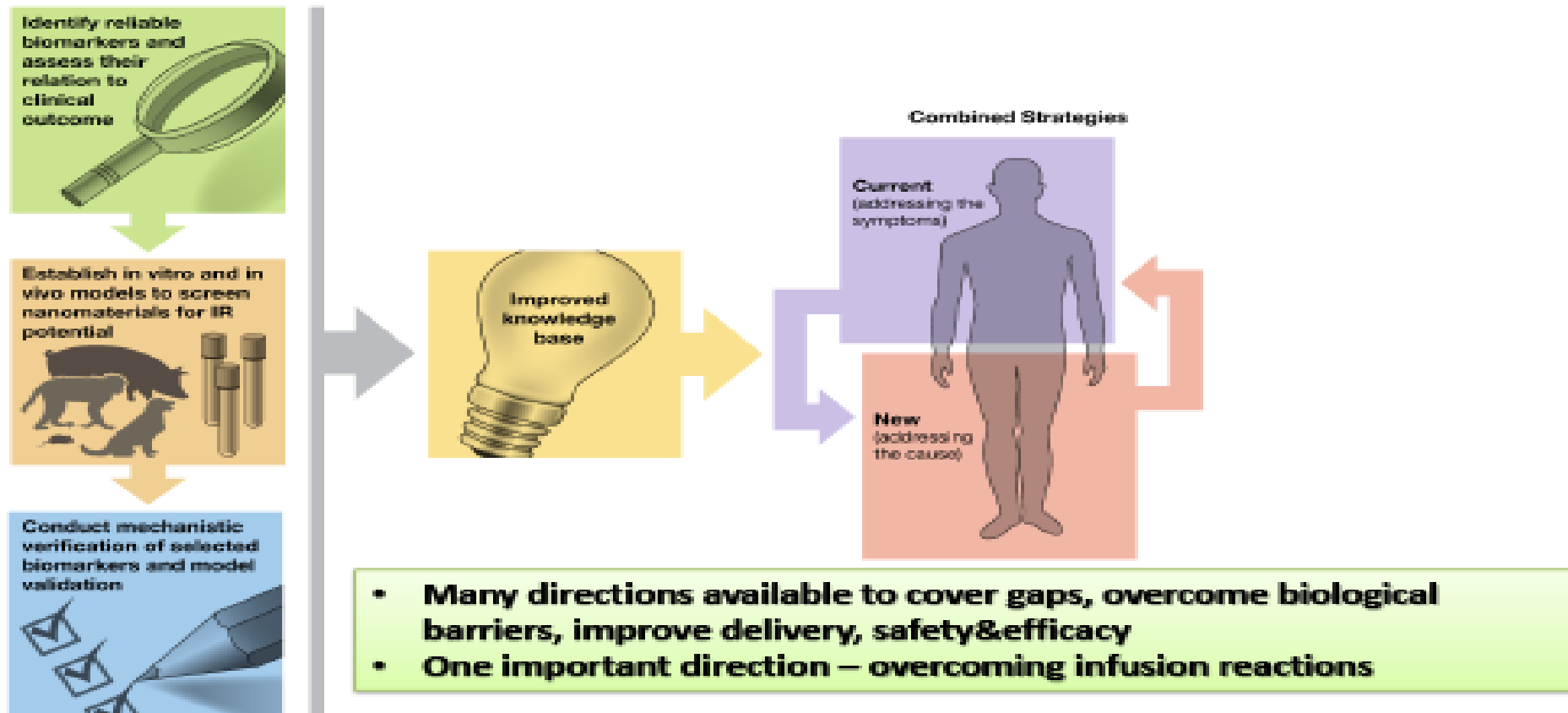
> 130 Assay Cascade projects
> 400 nanoparticles characterized
15 collaborations advanced to clinical trials
2 received regulatory approval

NCL has 15 years of knowledge and expertise in nanoparticle characterization and helps accelerate the translation of promising nanotech drugs and diagnostics.

60+ protocols available for research community online: <https://ncl.cancer.gov/resources/assay-cascade-protocols>

Future directions

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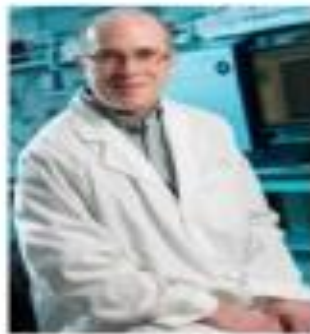
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